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## **SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

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Slovak Ministry of Transportation, Construction and Regional Development:

*Urbanization trends in Slovakia have no such dynamics as it is the case in developing regions. However, cities in our country are influenced by the same factors and processes as cities in the rest of the world. They are affected by economic crisis, insufficient infrastructure, demographic change, but also increasing gap in income structure between rich and poor. Urbanized areas need to address such issues as **urban mobility, energy efficiency, resilience facing climate change, shrinking cities versus urban sprawl** – they have to adapt to the changing situation. In this respect, our cities do not differ from cities in the rest of the world.*

*To cope with these challenges, spatial planning is a key instrument for establishing long-term, sustainable framework for social, territorial and economic development, reflecting also on environmental aspects of urbanization.*

*The central governing body regarding territorial development, spatial planning and urbanization is the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic, which coordinates and guides the activity of responsible bodies on lower governance level – **self-governing regions, district offices and municipalities**. The most important document for regulating the territorial development is the **Spatial development perspective of the Slovak Republic**, which is procured by the Ministry. Hierarchy of land-use planning documentation is than formed by land-use plans of the regions, which is procured by self-governing regions and land-use plans of municipalities and zones, procured by municipalities.*