

Letter of Intent on Land Use, Housing and Transport (MAL) proceedings – collaboration between the administrative sectors

Goals of the collaboration

The aim of the MAL letter of intent procedures (which cover land use, housing and transport) is to create integrated, efficient and competitive urban regions in cooperation between the state and municipalities in the region. The land use (M), housing (A), and transport (L) needs as well as their mutual impact are addressed simultaneously in comprehensive MAL planning. In that way the effectiveness and efficiency of the urban structure can be achieved, which ensures the smooth running of daily life.

The goals are:

- to find a new tool that would break the administrative boundaries
- to create a well-functioning and competitive metropolitan area
- to merge the development needs of land use, housing and transport for a region into one process
- to guide the internal decision-making of the region's municipalities and strengthen the State partnership.



And in addition to that to increase the vitality in the metropolitan area, to unify the urban structure, improve the conditions for sustainable transport modes, such as public transport and pedestrian and bicycle traffic, to ensure a safe and efficient transport system and to promote a housing policy based on collective responsibility.

What to expect at its best?

At best the MAL letter of intent proceedings

- accentuates the importance of partnerships and dialogue in decision making
- strengthens trust in and commitment to joint decisions
- boosts mutual understanding between the region and the State
- improves the prerequisites for vitality and competitiveness
- clarifies prioritisation of key MAL projects
- diversifies the political tools available for developing the regions.

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