Updating the Czech Principles of Urban Policy (PUP)
EUKN Policy Lab for Czechia, Background Paper

The aim of this paper is to provide background information on the Czech Principles of Urban Policy (PUP) and its update, while illustrating key objectives of the Policy Lab on 23 September 2021.

The Czech PUP and its update - The Czech PUP is a strategic document that, by providing a coherent set of principles for urban development, contributes to creating a shared vision on urban development and related challenges, thus increasing coordination at all levels. It was issued in 2010 and builds upon the 2007 Leipzig Charter, a key document providing guidelines for integrated and sustainable urban development in Europe. Now, after a first update in 2017 and the endorsement of the New Leipzig Charter in November 2020, the Czech PUP is about to undergo a second update. The goal is for the Czech PUP to reflect latest trends in urban development and to be better aligned with key strategic agendas, notably with the New Leipzig Charter.

Open the Czech PUP here
Learn more on the current PUP and the 2017 update

The New Leipzig Charter - Motivated by the need for sustainable transformation towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the New Leipzig Charter provides a policy framework to advance urban transformations to address societal challenges. Promoting the transformative power of cities for the common good, the New Leipzig Charter supports cities in their transition towards more just, green and productive places. These three dimensions lie at the core of the New Leipzig Charter, reinforcing the vision of resilient European cities with a high quality of life.

Read the New Leipzig Charter here
Learn more on the New Leipzig Charter on the EUKN website

Policy Lab objectives - To support the renewal of this strategic document, the EUKN is cooperating closely with the Czech Ministry of Regional Development. The first milestone of this cooperation was the Policy Lab session organised as part of the EUKN-OECD Week of National Urban Policies (NUPs) in July 2021, where the ‘productive dimension’ of the Czech PUP was presented and debated. The upcoming Policy Lab, as the second milestone, will build upon the outputs of that event and will broaden the discussion to explore the ‘green’ and the ‘just’ dimensions of the Czech PUP. The event will allow: 1) European countries – Slovenia, Spain, and Poland - to present their experiences with National Urban Policy frameworks and provide feedback on the Czech PUP renewal; and 2) representatives from Czech cities and regions to present their experiences with the current PUP and expectations for the updated version. The inputs gathered via these activities will contribute to a compact policy paper with recommendations for the Czech Ministry of Regional Development on how to move forward with the PUP renewal process.

Read more on the Productive Session of the EUKN-OECD Week of National Urban Policies

Preparatory Survey - please respond here
To collect participants’ inputs and ensure they will feed into the discussion in the best way possible, the EUKN Secretariat prepared a brief survey. All participants are kindly requested to fill in this short survey by 15 September 2021. This will take about 10 minutes.