

The Role of Municipal Policy in Urban Development

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Abstract: Cities are not just places where people live and work. They are part of the heritage we receive and pass on, visual symbols of culture, history and tradition. In many cities, especially in the developing world, this richness is often ignored, neglected or destroyed, partly because of the lack of a successful municipal management.

Municipal policy has a predominantly political character and includes general aims. A key function of municipal management is to transpose the policy into a programme with specific objectives, well defined budgets and deadlines.

This work will address these two aspects, as well as other issues related to an enhanced municipal policy management.

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