

# **ROMANIA**

**Decisional transparency in  
sustainable urban development  
planning**

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- **"The Sustainable development is one that follows the needs of present without compromising the ability of future generations to satisfy their needs," it is universally accepted definition after episode Chernobyl (in the World Commission Report on Environment and Development Brundtland)**

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- From the first year 1974, there were 20 such firms. Volume of trade of Romania with the West almost doubled: from 28% in 1965 to 45% in 1974. Between 1971-'75, Romania registered an annual growth rate of GDP of 11.3%, unmatched before. Cities have become sites, the government didn't cease to announce the opening of factories and plants, that appeared like mushrooms. Western capital, reached nearly half the population of Romania's 20 million in 1977 to live in cities.

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- **The economic changes that have occurred in Romania after 1990 reflected, among others, in a process of restructuring the country, which had the effect of reducing economic activities in urban centers affected and, consequently, the availability of a large number of employees.**
- **As a result, there was lower income population, reducing public investment in basic infrastructure and social deterioration**

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- **Previous European experiences (URBAN I, URBAN II) showed that an integrated approach to economic, social, environmental and urban areas (neighborhoods) degraded was a successful method for solving them and achieving sustainable urban development.**
- **The advantage of this integrated approach is that it can simultaneously solve some problems which have interdependencies that affect the area and adjacent areas of intervention itself.**

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- **All activities that take place in Romania, of public money by the authorities or institutions that operates in Romania are subject to laws of transparency that are mainly Law 544/2001 on free access to public information and Law No. 52 / 2003 on decisional transparency in public administration.**

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- **Each authority or public institution is obliged to inform the public office the following information:**
  - **a) that regulate the organization and functioning of public authority or institution;**
  - **b) organizational structure, responsibilities of departments, program operation, program audiences of public authority or institution;**
  - **c) name and surname of the lead authority or public institutions and officials responsible for public information;**

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- **The principles underlying this law are:**
- **a) information in advance of office, the people on matters of public interest to be discussed by local and central public administration authorities, and on draft legislation;**
- **b) consultation of citizens and associations legally established at the initiative of public authorities in the drafting of normative acts;**

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- **In all areas of activity aimed at the public domain, and here I refer to those financed from the budget money, there are applied these laws in Romania. The sustainable development of cities in Romania, in terms of housing construction is managed by the mayors, the Ministry of Regional Development and Tourism, on the economic activity, economic policy developed into the Ministry of Economy Commerce and Business Environment, the environmental the responsibility of the Ministry of Environment.**