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IMPROVING PARTICIPATION IN SPATIAL PLANNING OF MINING AREAS - FORMAL PARTICIPATORY METHODS IN URBAN AND SPATIAL PLANNING IN EUROPE

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ABSTRACT

Development in areas with extensive mineral extraction brings significant changes that especially affect the local population, both positively and negatively. The most important impacts include job creation, higher income, dependence on a single industry, environmental harm, health issues, and the need for (involuntary) resettlement. Mining companies that fail to prioritize corporate social responsibility and foster strong relationships with local communities often face a lack of public support. Transparent decision making through high public engagement and participatory planning process is therefore of great importance.

The aim of this research is to identify formal participatory methods applied in the process of urban and regional planning, with focus on community participation. Through extensive analysis of legislation of European countries, we have identified the most commonly used methods and techniques. They have several advantages, but could be supplemented with informal methods for a better inclusion of attitudes and opinion of local community and other stakeholders.

Keywords: formal methods; participation; mining areas; Bor; Majdanpek; Serbia

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