ABSTRACT

The master's thesis deals with landscape planning study which is a new instrument of spatial planning in Czechia. Main goal of the thesis to analyse the document's creation process and to evaluate a potential of utilization of the study by public sector. The evaluation includes intelligibility of the study, motivation on the side of the public sector as a contracting authority and a form of cooperation of authors and contracting authorities, municipalities, the public or other entities. Another partial goal of the thesis is to assess an accordance with European Landscape Convention, which is declared in a methodological instruction of the landscape planning study. Which is a document that should serve as a basis for decision making in the public sector.

Four landscape planning studies made for districts of municipalities with extended powers which are in Prague's hinterland were chosen as model cases. After semantic analysis of the text of the chosen planning studies of landscape semi-structured interviews with representatives of author teams and contracting municipal offices followed. Interviews were then evaluated using qualitative research methods.

The effect of total of eight factors on the potential of utilization of the study was examined. Main findings are that key factors are motivation of contacting authority, extent of municipality involvement in the making of the study and price payed by contracting town office for the study. In the context with findings about public participation during making of the study a claim is presented that landscape planning studies were not made wholly in accordance with European Landscape Convention.

Near the end of the thesis a chapter discussing a position of landscape planning study in a context of Czech spatial planning is included. Its potential to positively change the state of open landscape either by implementation of proposed measures or by pointing out the system faults of practical attitude towards landscape which authors widely included in the studies is also discussed.

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