



THE STATE OF NATIONAL URBAN POLICY IN ICELAND

Name of national urban policy	<i>Iceland 2020</i>
Date of national urban policy	2011
Explicit or partial	Partial
Legal status (e.g. act of the legislature, executive order, administrative guidance, etc.)	Administrative guidance
Previous/secondary policies	Not applicable
Stage of development	Implementation
How developed (e.g. through a participatory/stakeholder process, or act of parliament, etc.)	No information available
Implementing body	Prime Minister's Office
Government system	Centralised
Type of national urban agency	General national planning authority
Implementation mechanism (e.g. committee, involvement of multiple agencies, national-local co-ordination)	No information available

Current national urban policy

Iceland does not have a national urban policy, but its *Iceland 2020 – governmental policy statement for the economy and community*, provides guidance for regional development (OECD, 2015; Icelandic Prime Minister's Office, 2011). It emphasises the need to strengthen municipalities, in part by transferring projects from the national government to the municipalities. It also proposes the formulation of a policy for the Reykjavik area, under the responsibility of the Ministry of the Interior, as well as special regional planning for the southwest region (which includes Reykjavik), under the responsibility of the Ministry for the Environment (Icelandic Prime Minister's Office, 2011).

Areas covered by current urban policy

Sector	Sectoral Representation in <i>Iceland 2020</i>
Economic development	Not applicable
Spatial structure	Not applicable
Human development	Not applicable
Environmental sustainability	Not applicable
Climate resilience	Not applicable

Bibliography

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