

Public participation

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Public participation is the involvement of citizens, society and non-governmental organizations in the policy-making process. The purpose of public participation is to ensure that decisions taken by public administrations are relevant to the needs of the public, explained in a timely manner and comprehensible to those to whom they will apply. Public participation has a number of benefits, which are generally aimed at improving the quality of regulation - in this process the real problem is identified, possible alternatives are evaluated, possible "side effects" of regulation are identified in time, and the developed solutions are effective.

Representatives of the public can express their opinion on development planning documents, draft legal acts in the initial stage of their development - proposing a new regulation, participating in problem identification and identification of alternatives, as well as in other stages - participating in monitoring the regulation, evaluating the results and developing proposals for updating. Any member of the public affected or interested in the matter to be addressed may give his or her opinion. Every member of the public has the right to receive feedback on their proposal.

Public participation is carried out proactively by public administrations, seeking the most effective ways to involve and inform the public, in particular the public affected or likely to be affected by the proposed activity.

The procedure for public participation is regulated by:

[Development Planning System Law;](#)

[State Administration Structure Law ;](#)

[Cabinet Regulations of 25 August 2009 No. 970 "Public Participation Procedures in the Development Planning Process"](#)

The Information Centre of the Ministry of the Interior is involved in the development of development planning documents and draft legal acts that affect its areas of activity.

[If you have proposals for the improvement of regulatory enactments](#) within the competence of the Information Centre of the Ministry of the Interior, please send them to the e-mail address: kanceleja@ic.iem.gov.lv. If you have any additional questions, please contact the official responsible for public participation - Druvita Irbe, phone 67208717.

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