

Procedure and methodology for the management of Historic Cities. The case of Greece.

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The need to draft management plans on the changes in historic cities and the need to draft a specific strategy for their implementation, have yet to be adequately realized in the case of Greece.

As a living organism with its tangible and intangible values, the historic city often becomes the object of specialized studies and research – but which almost never conclude to implementing the suggested measures and works.

When existing, the protection policy exerted by the competent bodies operates, with few exceptions, on a level of decisions prohibiting the demolition of single historic buildings and controlling with rather insufficient tools the new constructions around the protected monuments. The protection of the relationship between the natural and built environment is virtually inexistent and the modern uncontrollable financial and functional transformations alter the tangible and intangible values of urban formations.

The majority of local authorities and of the local population do not dispose the necessary knowledge and assistance or perhaps do not have the necessary will to take initiatives to manage the development of their city and the protection of its architectural and urban heritage.

This paper aims at presenting the problems noted in drafting and mainly in implementing management plans of historic cities in the Hellenic milieu, considering that this exchange of experiences can help promote successful methods and practices.

The paper is based on the conclusions which resulted form the long-term occupation with the aforementioned matters and on studies and implementations realized in historic cities of the Hellenic milieu.