

OP "SOFPROJECT - MASTER PLAN"

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THE MASTER PLAN OF THE CITY OF SOFIA AND SOFIA MUNICIPALITY

one of the most significant phenomena in modern Bulgarian urban planning after 1990.

MASTER PLAN - CITY OF SOFIA AND SOFIA MUNICIPALITY PHASES AND STAGES OF THE PROCESS

Methodology and Programme for Elaboration

Analysis of the Current Condition (1998-2001) and Diagnosis

Forecasts 2020 of the Development on the Base of Existing Trends

National Competition "Sofia and the European Integration"

Scenarios for socio-economic and spatial development

PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS

Concept for the spatial development of the territory

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FINAL DRAFT

APPROVAL BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

APPROVAL BY THE MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

TO BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

FINAL DRAFT OF THE CITY OF SOFIA AND SOFIA MUNICIPALITY MASTER PLAN

PACKAGE OF DOCUMENTS



STRUCTURAL PLAN

LAND-USE PLAN OF THE CITY OF SOFIA AND SOFIA MUNICIPALITY

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SOUTHWEST PLANNING REGION (SOFIA METROPOLITAN REGION)

ZONE OF ACTIVE INFLUENCE – SOFIA METROPOLITAN AREA

SOFIA MUNICIPALITY

CITY OF SOFIA

MACRO-SPATIAL STRUCTURAL UNITS

MAIN INDICATORS OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SOFIA

YEAR	2001	FORECAST 2020
POPULATION OF SOFIA METROPOLITAN REGION	1 435 000	1 540 000
POPULATION OF SOFIA METROPOLITAN AREA	1 280 000	1 450 000
POPULATION OF SOFIA MUNICIPALITY	1 174 000	1 300 000
CITY OF SOFIA	1 096 000	1 150 000
SURROUNDING AREA (City of Sofia excluded)	78 000	150 000
SOFIA MUNICIPALITY – SHARE OF POPULATION IN ACTIVE AGE	63.5 %	65.2 %
SOFIA MUNICIPALITY – SHARE OF ECONOMICALY ACTIVE POPULATION	52.6 %	54.1 %
SOFIA MUNICIPALITY – NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	460 000	520 000

MAIN INDICATORS OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SOFIA

YEAR	2001	FORECAST 2020
Annual Growth Of The Gross Domestic Product*	3 %	5 - 8 %
Share Of The Employed In The Primary Sector	2 %	2 %
Share Of The Employed In The Secondary Sector	25 %	21 %
Share Of The Employed In The Tertiary Sector	73 %	77 %
The Level Of Unemployment	5 %	4 - 6 %
The Educational Structure (Level Of Education)		
• Primary	27 %	17 %
 Secondary 	53 %	48 %
• Higher	19 %	35 %

* Note: The annual growth of GDP for 2003 was 5 %.

MAIN PRINCIPLES USED IN THE PROCESS OF PLANNING

REGIONAL APPROACH – CONCOMITANT PLANNING OF THE SITY OF SOFIA AND ITS METROPOLITAN AREA

EQUAL RESPECT TO ALL KINDS OF REAL ESTATE OWNERSHIP

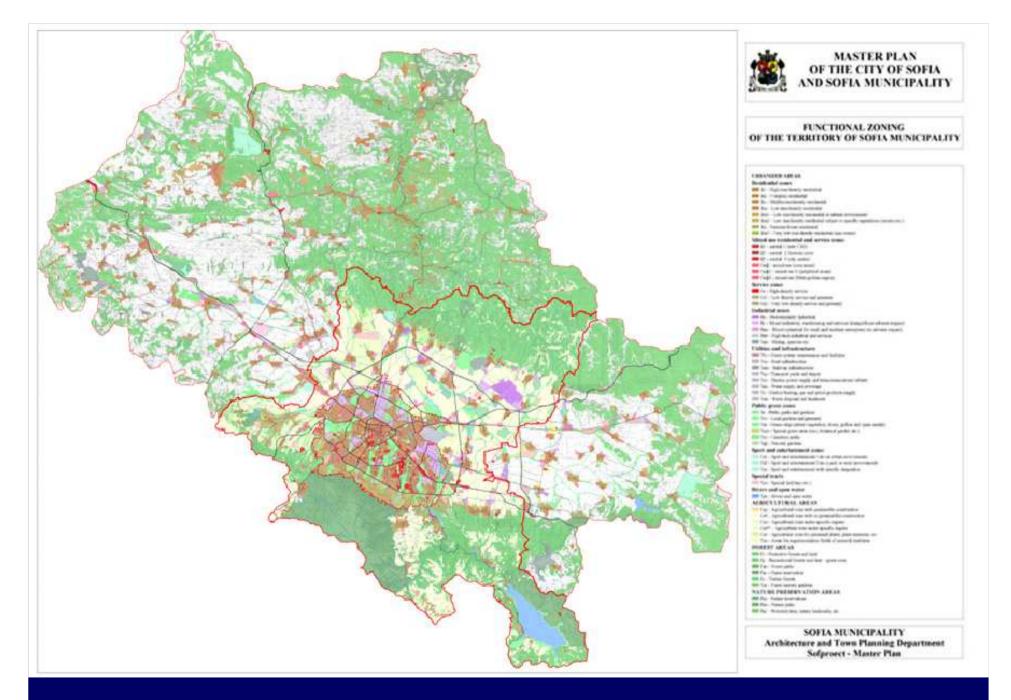
ACHIEVEMENT OF **BALANCE** IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE URBANIZED TERRITORY OF **THE CITY OF SOFIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS**

PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE **LINKS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT** BY MEANS OF:

> **LIMITATION OF THE COMPACT INCREASE** OF THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF SOFIA;

FORMATION OF LINEAR-POINT URBAN STRUCTURES ALONG THE "FIVE DEVELOPMENT AXES" REACHING THE 'BUFFER NUCLEI' IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA;

PRESERVATION OF **THE TERRITORIES, SITUATED TO THE NORTH** FROM THE COMPACT CITY AS A **RESERVE** FOR THE 21ST CENTURY AND PROVIDING SPACE FOR HIGHER-THAN-PLANNED DEMOGRAPHIC INCREASE.



REGIONAL APPROACH IN THE PROCESS OF PLANNING OF SOFIA

THE MAIN SPATIAL PROPOSALS OF THE PLAN ARE:

- **PRESERVATION AND RENOVATION** of the compact City within its present boundaries;
- **REGULATION** of the construction in order not to break off the connection with the surrounding mountains;
 - **PREDOMINANT DEVELOPMENT** of the diagonal Northwest Southeast;
- **CREATION** of the "North development zone" as a balance of the Southern highly urbanised teritory at the foot of Vitosha mountain;
- **PRESERVATION** of the territory, situated between the compact city and the "North development zone" for agricultural use with a future predestination of a high quality cultural landscape;

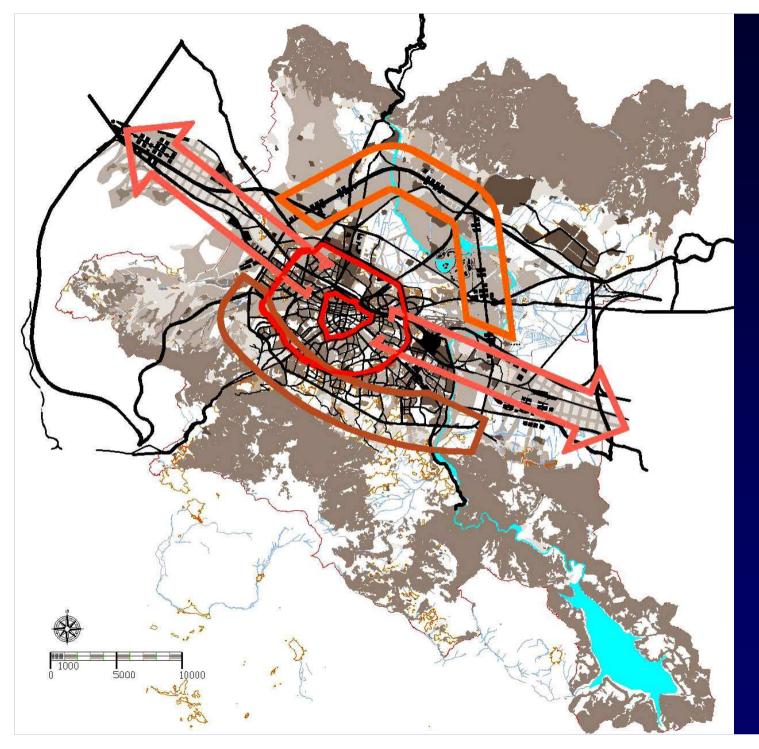
HYPOTHESIS OF LONG -TERM DEVELOPMENT -THREE MAIN DIRECTIONS

WESTERN, along the diagonal road Belgrade – Istanbul, comprising the territory of several settlements in the Municipality and in the Metropolitan area, with a railway terminal, juncture of the trans-Europian transport corridors Nos. 4, 8 and 10.

EASTERN, along the road Belgrade – Istanbul, comprising the territory of several settlements in the Municipality and several out of it - in the Metropolitan area, the juncture of Sofia ring road and the "Trakiya" high-way, a railway station and a railway terminal, the junction of the Trans-European transport corridors Nos. 8 and 10 with the "Trakia" high-way.

NORTHERN, comprising the territory of several settlements in the Municipality and in the Metropolitan area in the direction of the Iskar gorge and the Southern slopes of Stara Planina, predetermined by the Northern curve of Sofia ring road and the Pan-Europian transport corridors Nos. 4, 8 and 10.

THE DESIGNED THREE MAIN DIRECTIONS FOR THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT OF SOFIA HAVE NATURAL LANDSCAPE INTERVALS BETWEEN THEM.



DEVELOPMENT OF THE DIAGONAL NORTHWEST – SOUTHEAST THE MAIN SPATIAL MEASURES OF THE PLAN FOR THE FUNCTIONAL SYSTEMS

Functional System "RESIDENCE"

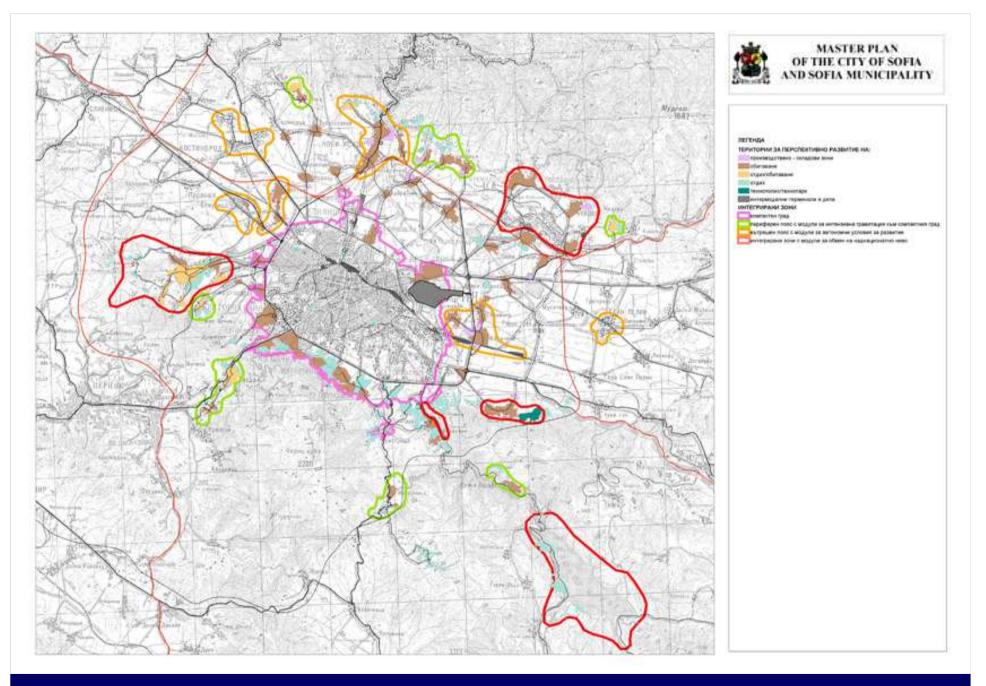
PRESERVATION of the residential functions in the Central Part of the City, invaded by commercial and business activities,

OPTIMISATION of the urban indicators of the rather non-homogenous residential environment of the compact City.

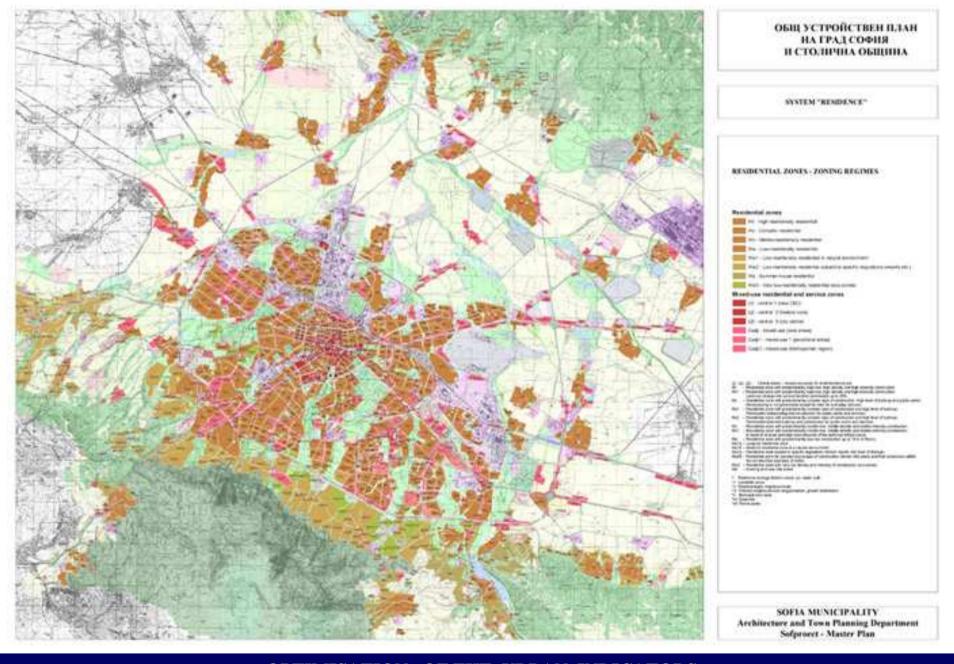
ACTIVATION of the transport and services in the Metropolitan area settlements for promotion of their attractiveness.

RESTRUCTURING and adaptation to the modern conditions and the requirements of the inhabitants of the residential complexes.

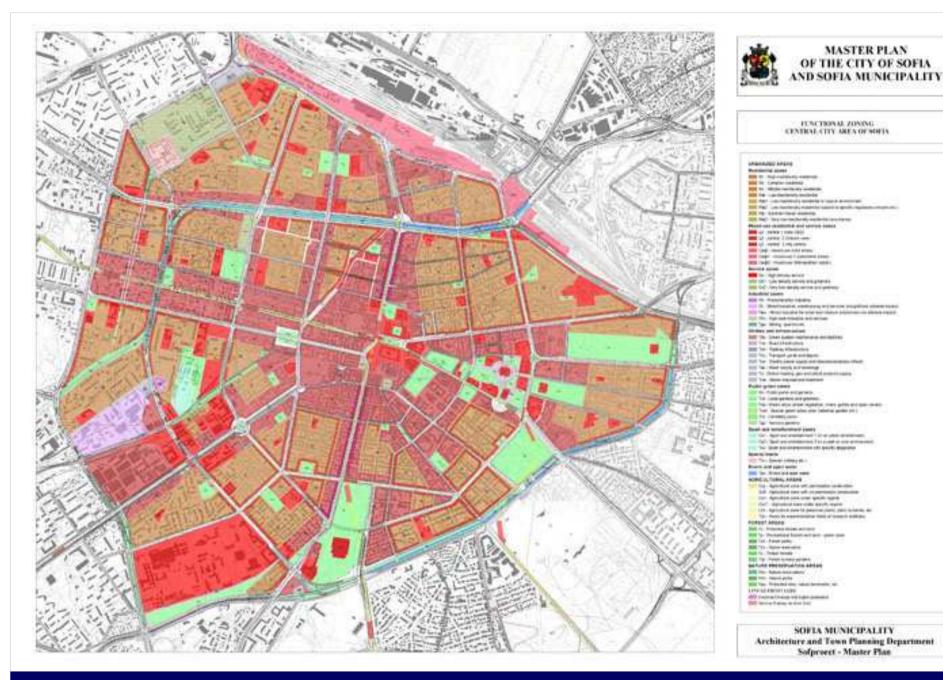
• **DISPERSED DEVELOPMENT** of new residential areas by means of the extension of the existing settlements outside the city of Sofia.



DISPERSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW RESIDENTIAL AREAS BY MEANS OF EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING SETTLEMENTS



OPTIMISATION OF THE URBAN INDICATORS OF THE RATHER NON-HOMOGENOUS RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE COMPACT CITY



PRESERVATION OF THE RESIDENTIAL FUNCTIONS IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE CITY, PUSHED OUT BY COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Functional System "WORK"

COMPACT CITY

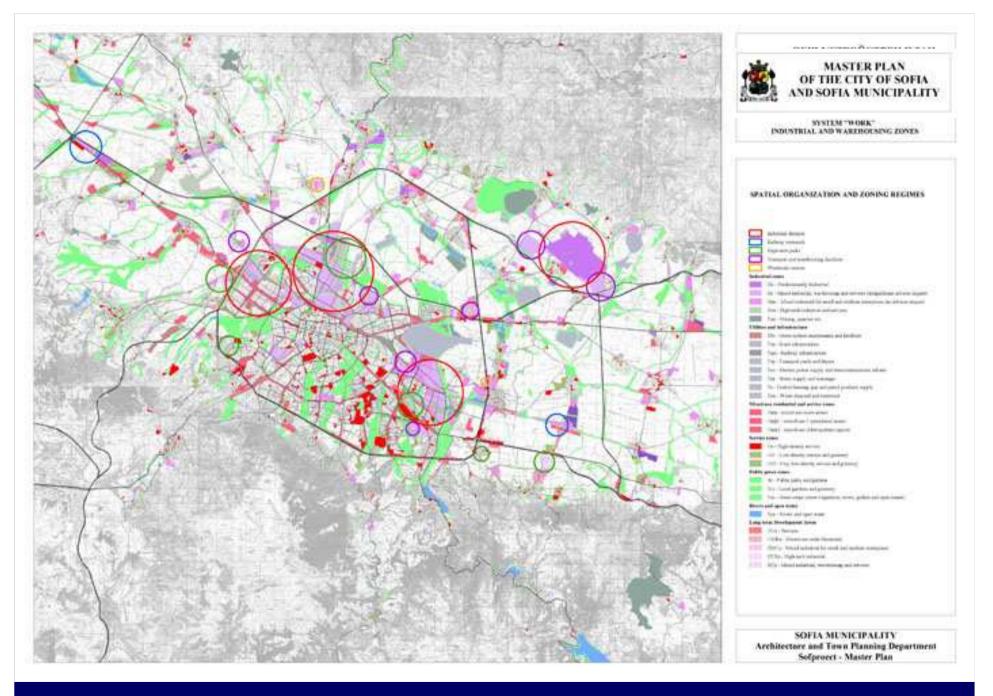
Renovation and development of the three industrial districts Northern Eastern Western

SURROUNDING AREA

Development of four main industrial clusters North – territories, situated in the "North Development Zone"; Southeast – hi-tech industrial complexes; Northwest – transport and warehousing industrial complexes; Northeast - mainly the "Kremikovtsy" metallurgical Plant.

METROPOLITAN AREA

Creation and development of the "Buffer Zones" to the East to the West



INDUSTRIAL AND WAREHOUSE ZONES DEVELOPMENT

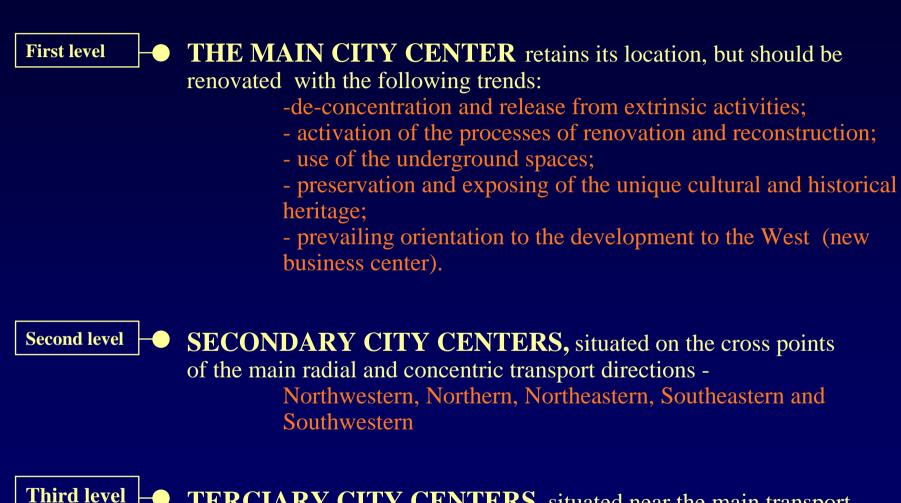
Functional System "Public and Business Services"

Transition from **MONO-CENTRIC** to **POLY-CENTRIC** spatial structure;

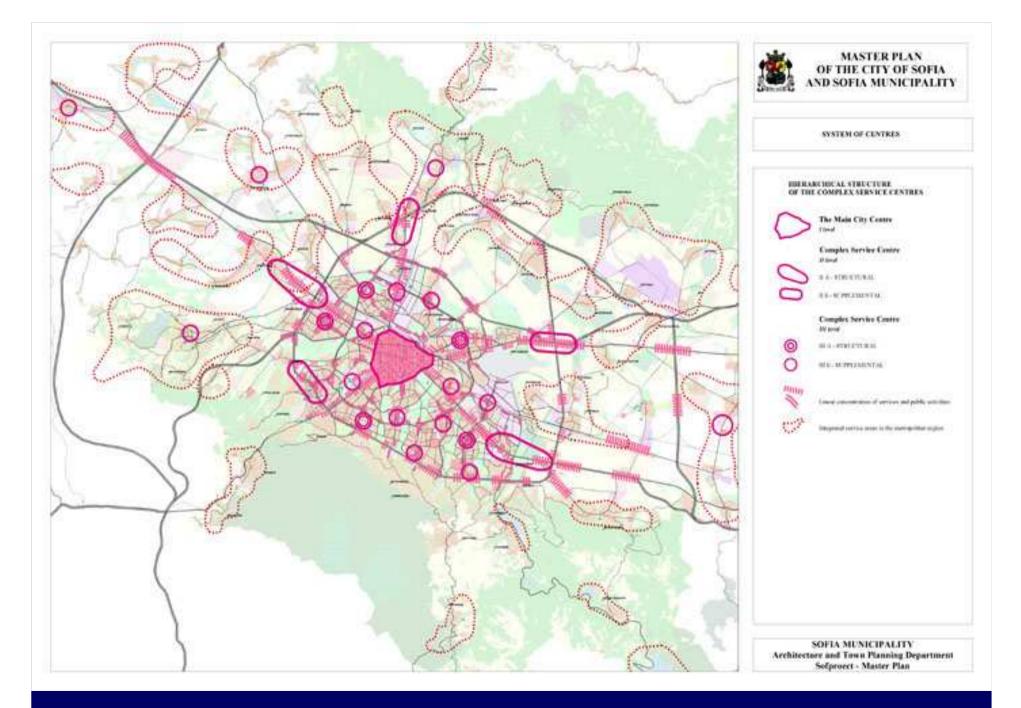
Development

- of **HIERARCHIC SYSTEM** of **COMPLEX CITY CENTERS** on three main levels
- of a system of **SPECIALIZED CENTERS** and environments.

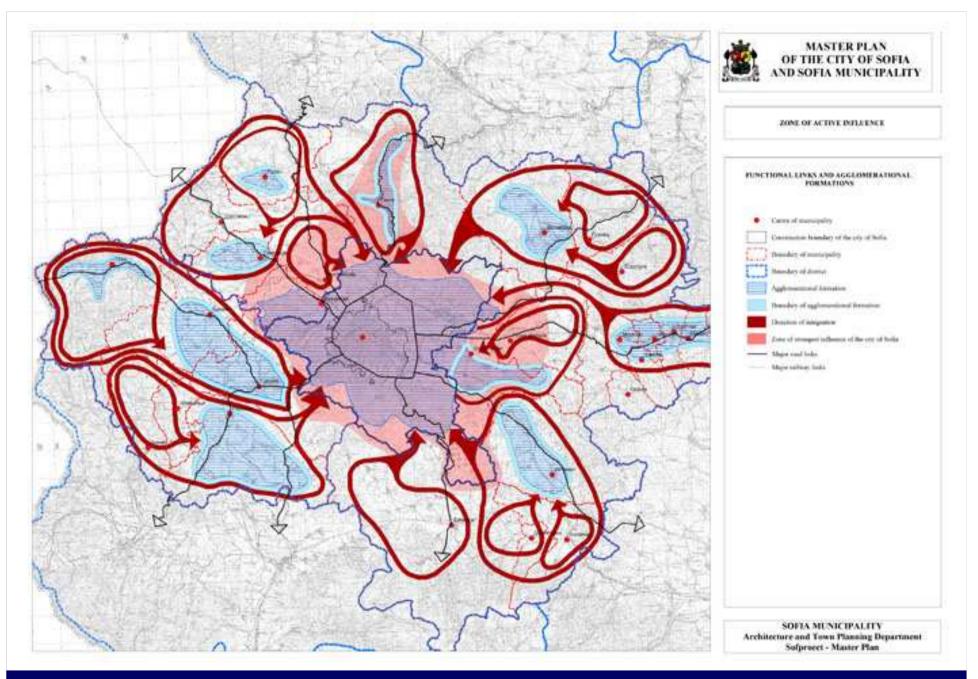
COMPLEX CITY CENTERS



TERCIARY CITY CENTERS, situated near the main transport, commercial, cultural and sports nuclei and attending the districts, surrounding them in the city and the metropolitan area.



DEVELOPMENT OF THE HIERARCHIC SYSTEM OF COMPLEX CENTERS ON THREE MAIN LEVELS

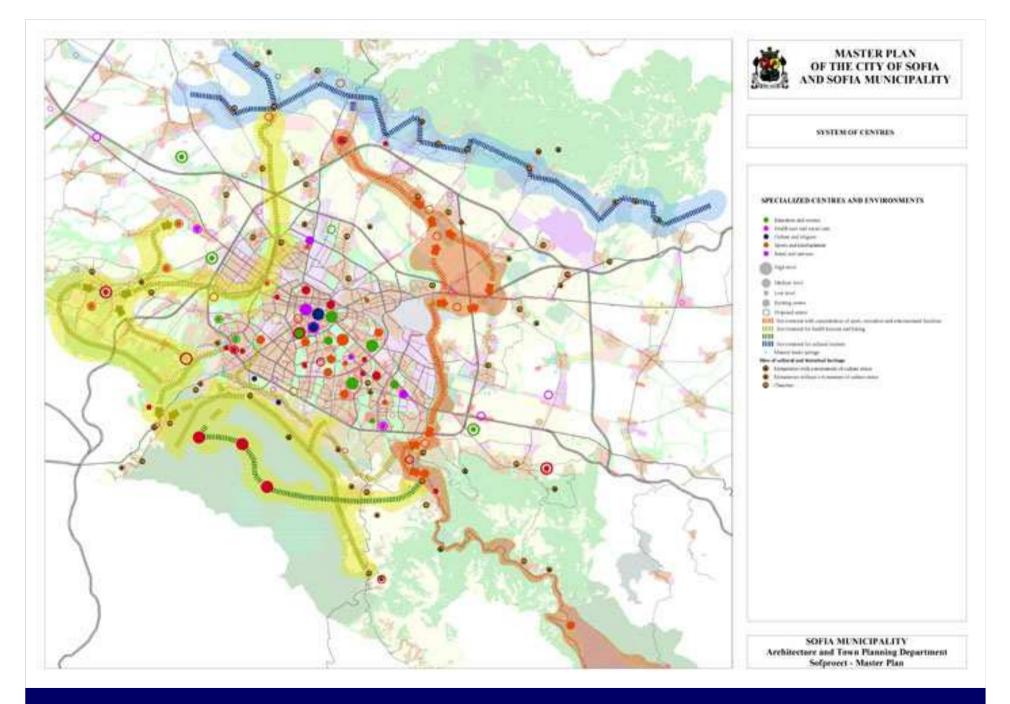


ACTIVATION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS AND SERVICES IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA SETTLEMENTS FOR PROMOTION OF THEIR ATTRACTIVENESS

SPECIALIZED CENTERS AND ENVIRONMENTS

CONTAIN AND DEVELOP THE CITY PRIORITY ACTIVITIES:

- SCIENCE AND EDUCATION,
- HEALTH AND BALNEOLOGICAL SERVICES,
- CULTURE,
- SPORTS, RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT.



SPECIALIZED CENTERS AND ENVIRONMENTS

Functional System "Recreation and Green System"

THE PLAN PROVIDES NEW TYPE RECREATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS

CALLED

"THEME PARKS"

COMPLEX RECREATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS WITH A PREDOMINANT THEME AND SPECIFIC LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS COMPRISSING AREAS WITH DIFFERENT LAND USE.

THE "THEME PARKS" PROVIDE CONDITIONS FOR:

- **EMPHASIZING** of the surrounding mountains and the natural potential of the Sofia Region;
- **RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT** of the Green areas inside the City and within the Surrounding area;
- **RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT** of the existing sports, recreational and entertainment sites and environments;
- **PRESERVATION AND ADAPTATION** of the cultural and historical heritage;
- **EFFECTIVE USE** of the mineral waters and the hydrothermal resources; of the water resources of the Iskar river, the rivers at the foot of the Vitosha mountain and the artificial water basins;

7 THEME PARKS ARE PROPOSED, SITUATED WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARY OF SOFIA MUNICIPALITY:

"THE GREEN MEMORY OF SOFIA" CITY PARK

"STUDENTSKI" CITY SPORTS PARK

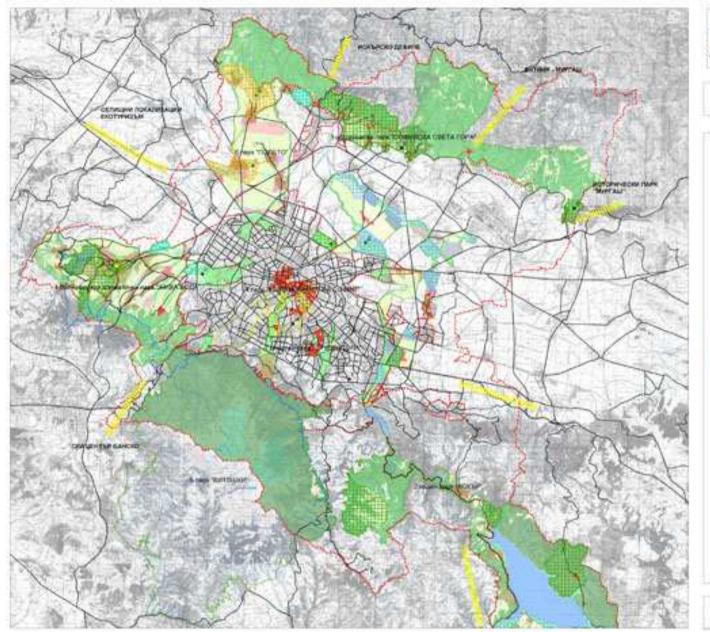
"VITOSHA MOUNTAIN" NATURAL PARK

"ZHIVA VODA" CLIMATIC AND BALNEOLOGICAL PARK

"SOFIYSKA SVETA GORA" HISTORICAL HERITAGE PARK

"ISKAR" WATER PARK

"POLETO" RURAL RECREATION PARK

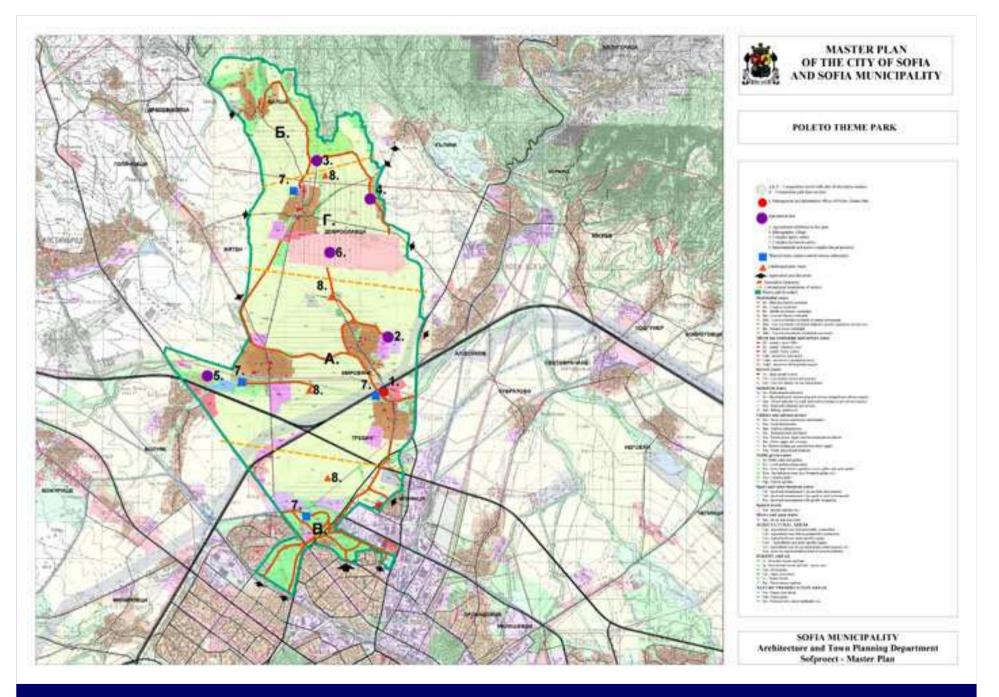




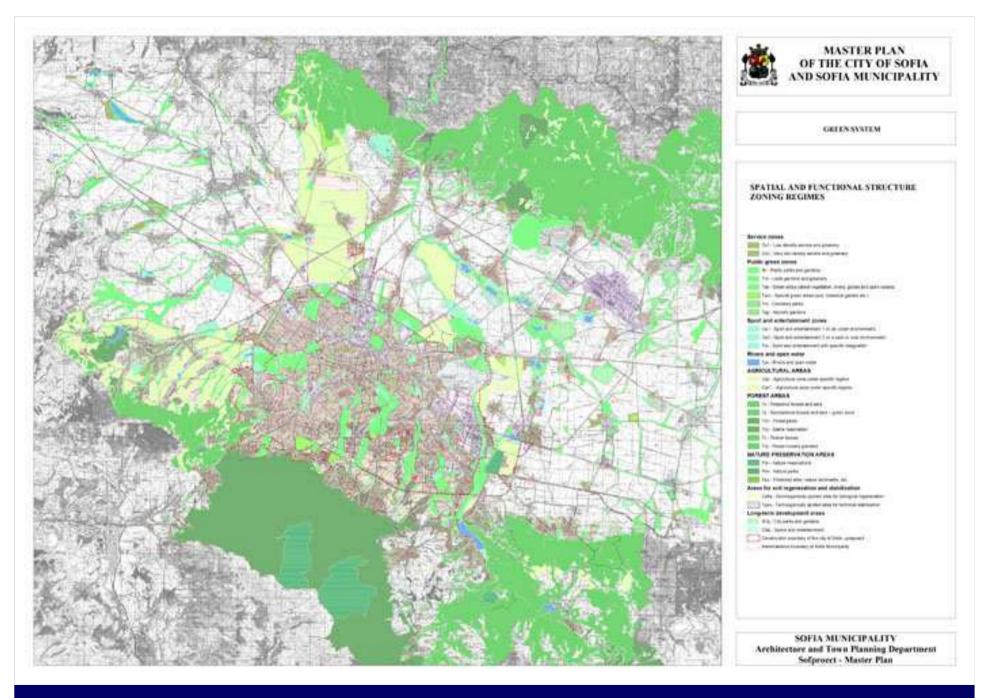
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SOFIA RECREATIONAL "THEME PARKS"



"POLETO" RURAL RECREATION PARK



SOFIA GREEN SYSTEM

Functional System "Transport"

MAIN TASKS

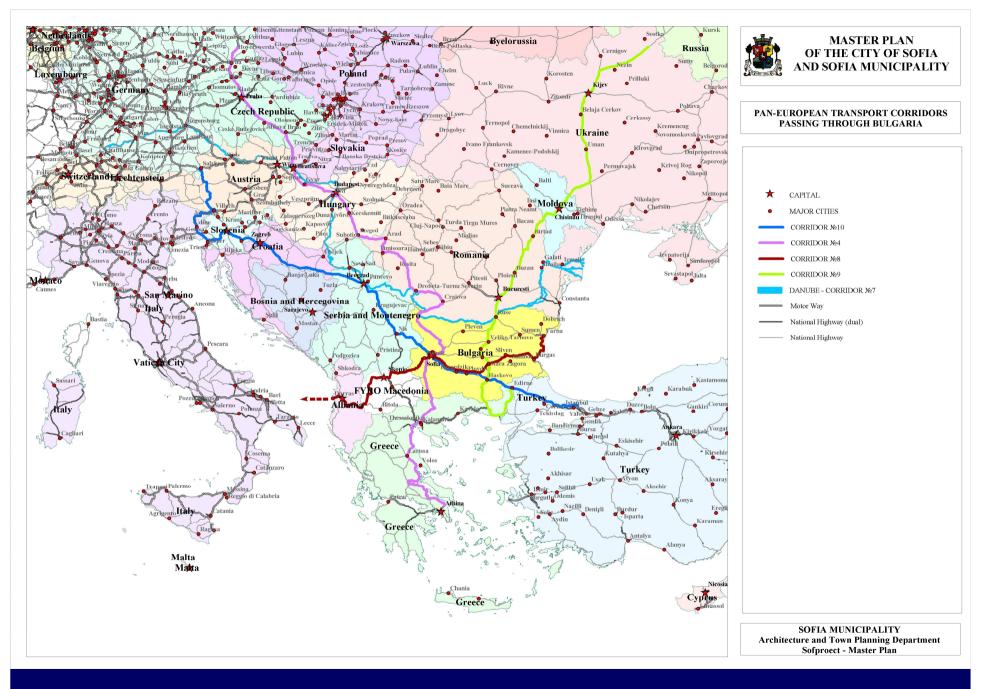
PRECIZE LOCALIZATION OF TRANS-EUROPEAN CORRIDORS Nos. 4, 8 and 10 within the Metropolitan area;

DEVELOPMENT OF A MODERN TRANSPORT NETWORK stimulation of the transition from mono-centric to poly-centric spatial structure of the City;

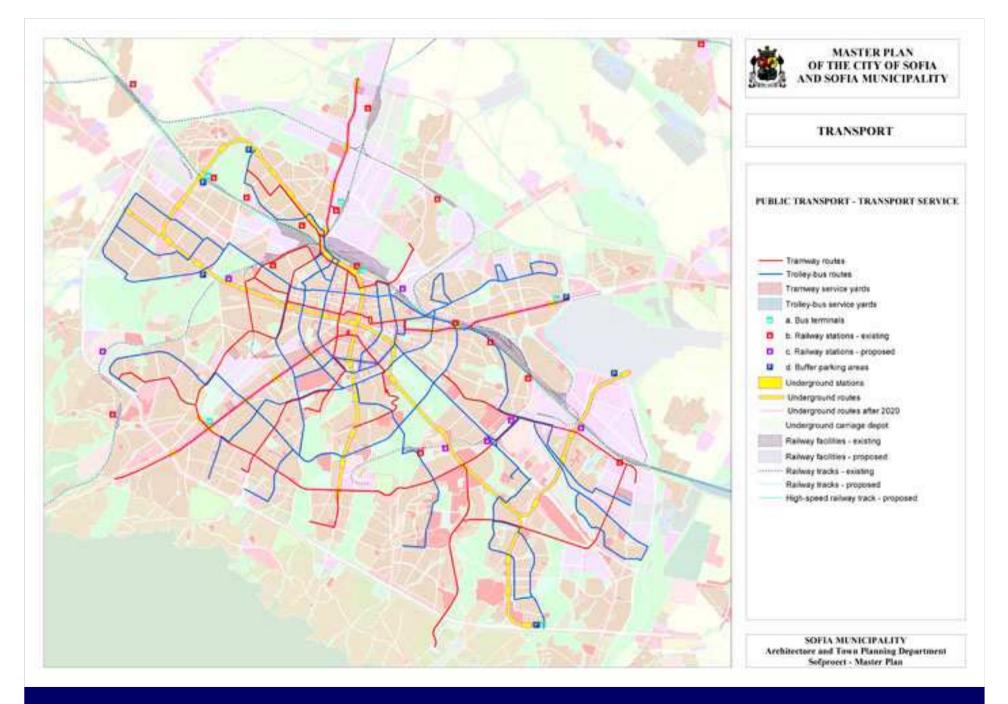
PRIORITY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT tram, trolley-bus, railway and uderground railway, bus;

DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPLEX URBAN SYSTEM OF PARKING PLACES;

DEVELOPMENT OF A SYSTEM OF BICYCLE LANES.



PAN-EUROPEAN TRANSPORT CORRIDORS PASSING THROUGH BULGARIA



PRIORITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Functional System "Technical Infrastructure"

- Water supply system
- Sewage system
- Open water currents
- Electric supply system
- District heating system
- Telecommunication systems
- Gas-supply system

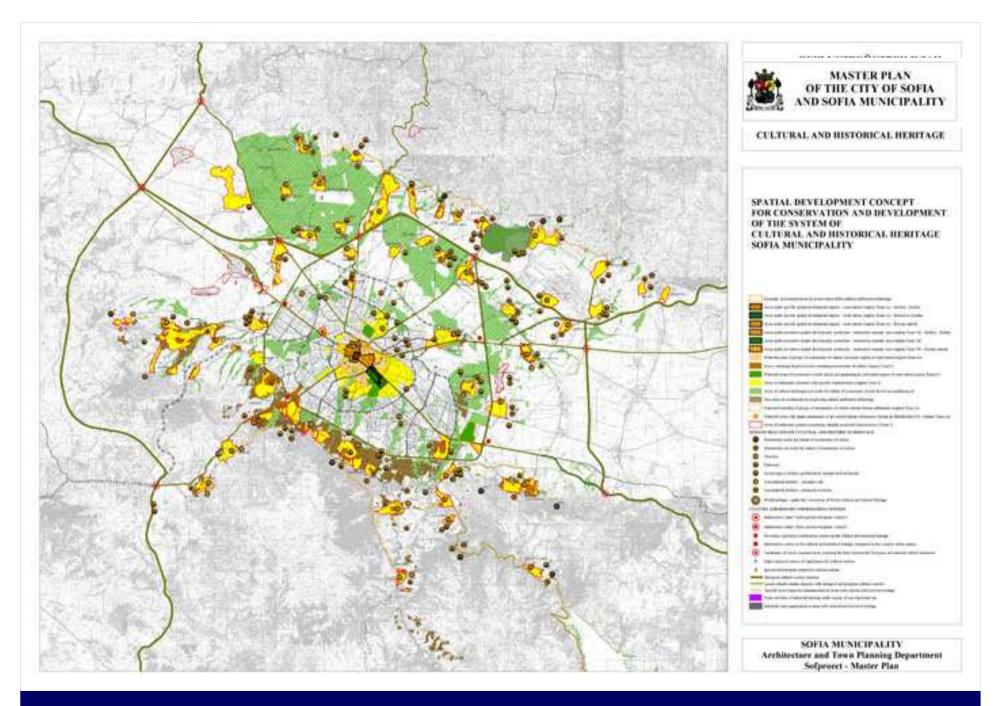
The development of each of the sub-systems has been planned on the base of the prognosis estimations for the demographic, social and economic development of the City.

Functional System "CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE"

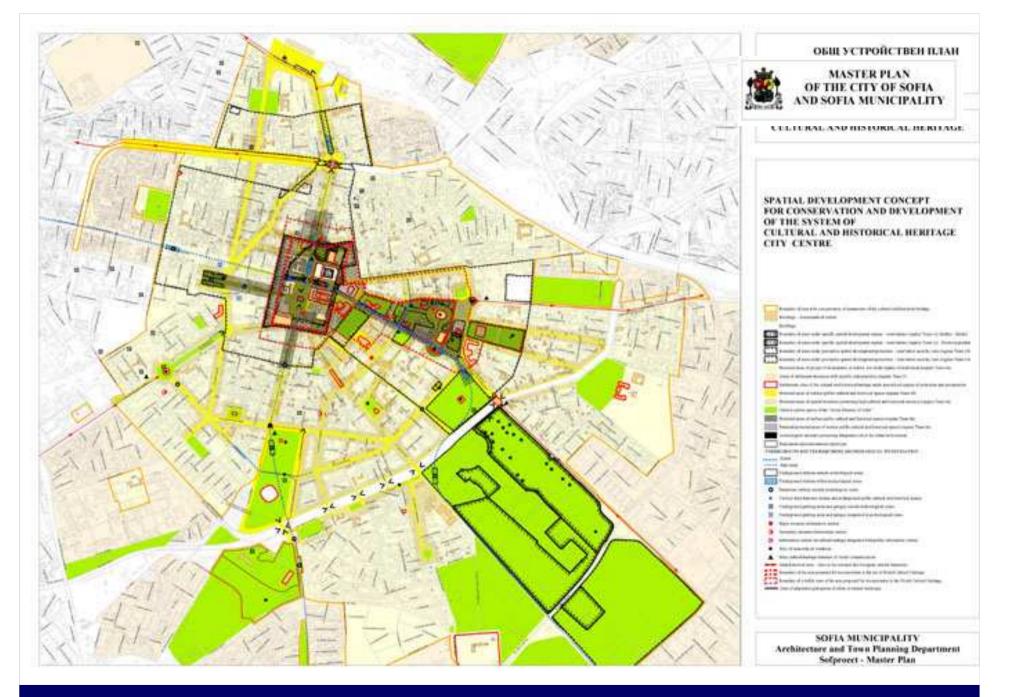
RESOURCE AND STIMULATOR FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY:

MAIN OBJECTIVES

- development of the **PROTECTION RULES SYSTEM AND PRESERVATION PLANS;**
- integration of the heritage in the network of the EUROPEAN CULTURAL ITINERARIES;
- creation of a UNIFIED TERRITORIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM;
- display of the heritage in a **SYSTEM OF PUBLIC CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SPACES**;
- construction of an ethnographic village-museum
- creation of a multimedia center "Sofia And The European Cultures";



SITES OF CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE

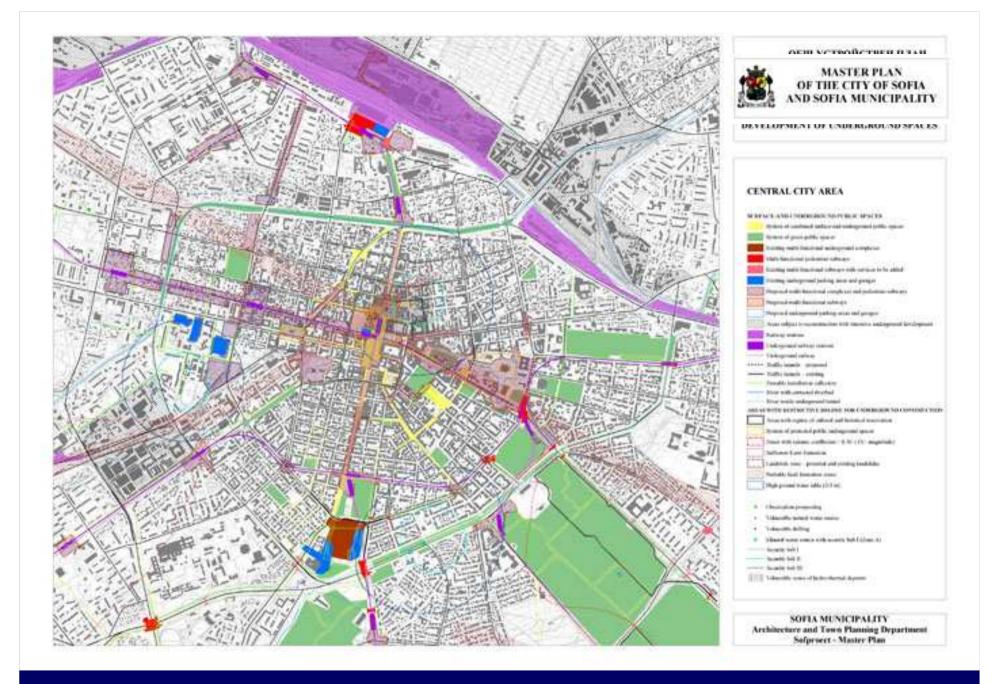


CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE – SOFIA CITY CENTRE

UNDERGROUND SPACES

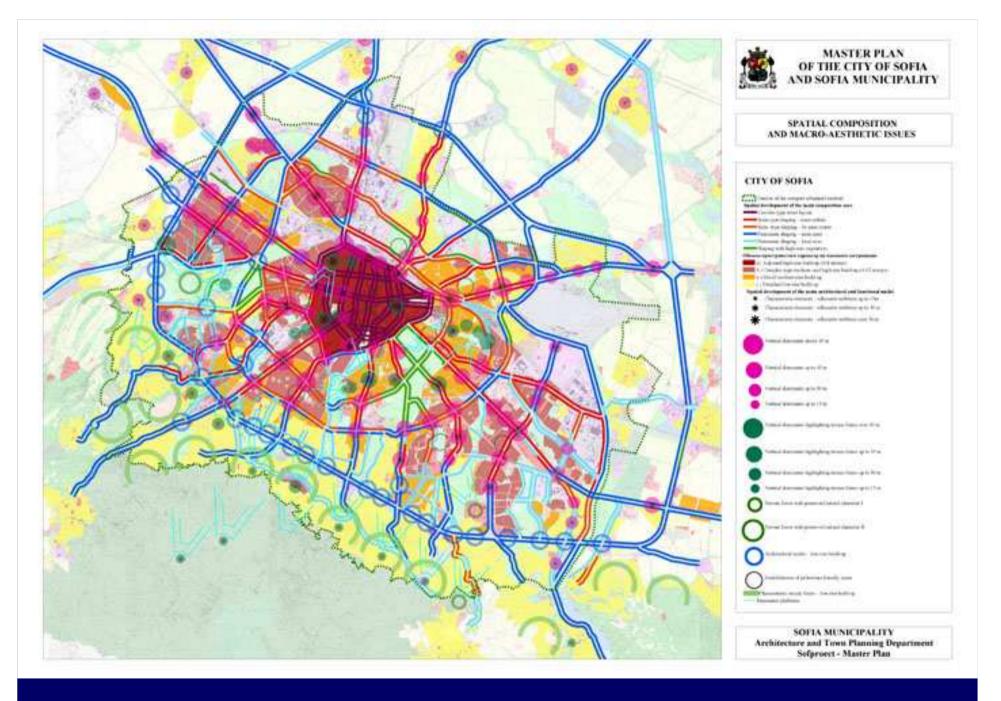
MAIN OBJECTIVES

- **INTENSIFICATION OF THE USE**
- **BETTER INTEGRATION OF FUNCTIONS**
- **NEW REGULATIONS**

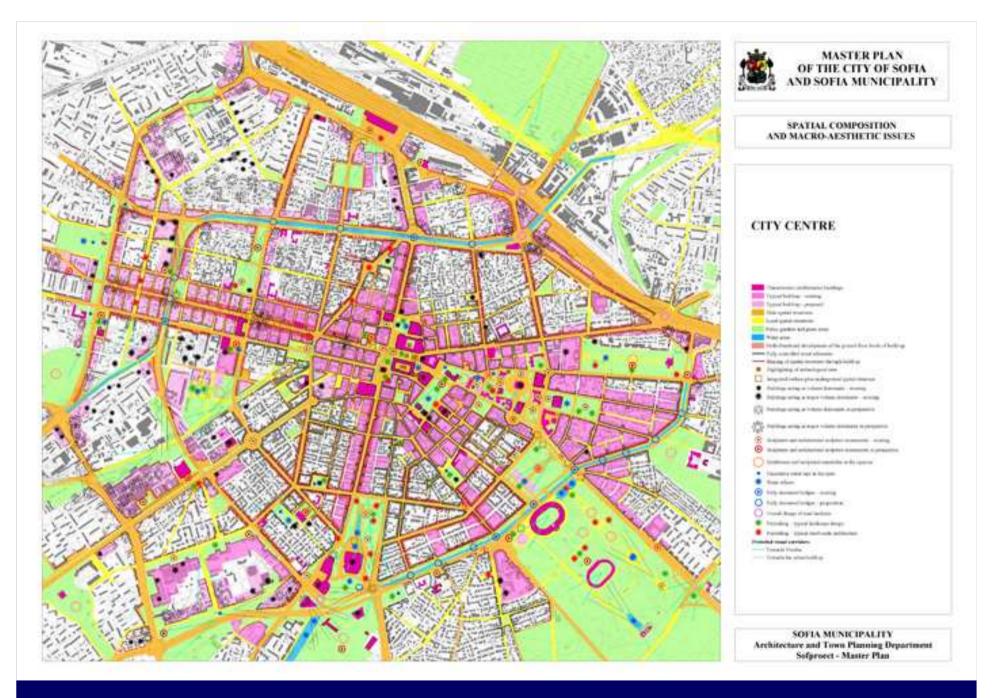


INTENSIVE USE OF UNDERGROUND SPACES – SOFIA CITY CENTRE

THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE SPATIAL COMPOSITION AND AESTHETIC DEVELOPMENT

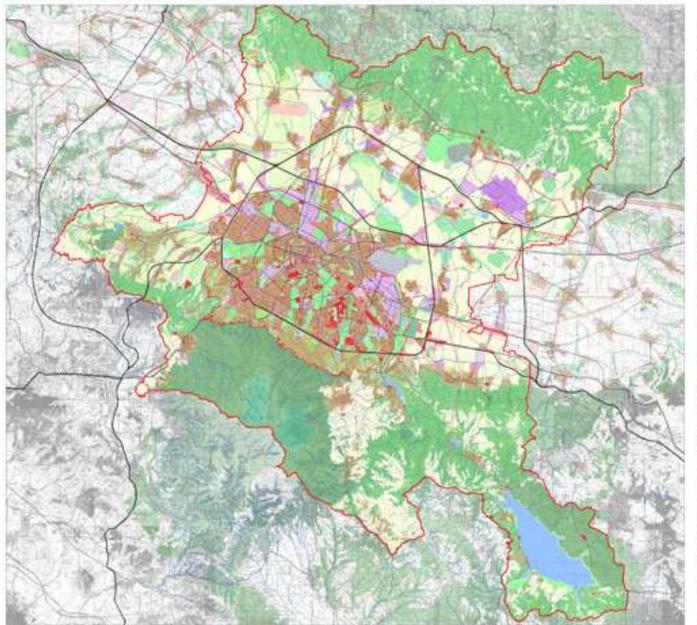


THE COMPACT CITY



THE CENTRAL CITY AREA

FUNCTIONAL ZONNING OF THE CITY OF SOFIA AND SOFIA MUNICIPALITY

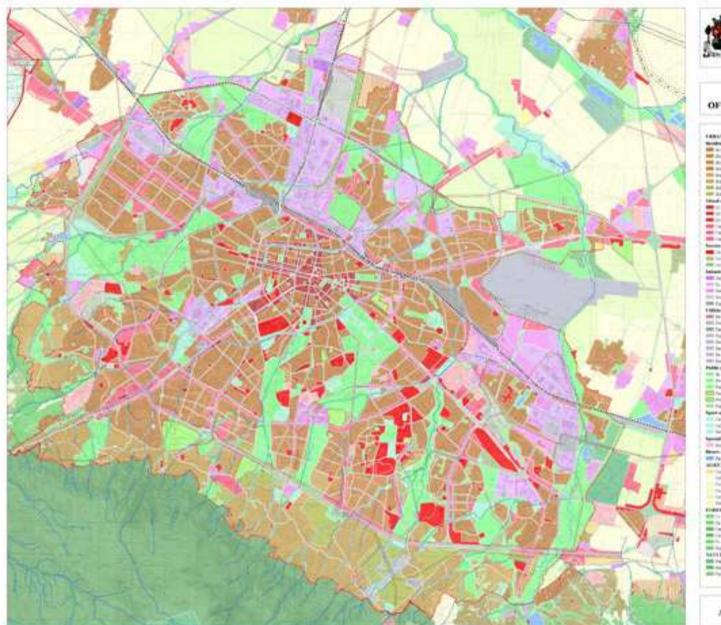




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