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## Territorial plans and structure plans

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The planning legislation of the Tuscany region (Act 5/95 and 1/05) has reassembled landscape, environmental and urban planning within the unitary framework of sustainable development.

The planning tools are structured at three levels: Piano di Indirizzo territoriale-Pit (Region), Piano territoriale di coordinamento-Ptc (Province) and Piano regolatore generale-Prg (Municipality), with a structural component (Piano strutturale-Ps) and a regulatory one (Regolamento urbanistico-Ru).

The Ptc of Grosseto province has been operational since 1997; it also took on the role of a resource protection and landscape plan; above all it included a set of strategic actions for local development of municipalities.

The Ptc is at the present in a phase of revision with the participation of several stakeholders that will lead to specific agreements, according the available legislative tools. It rejects a hierarchical organization, it is rather based on a continuous dialogue and interactions with the other planning levels. The specific policy of the Grosseto Ptc has allowed the municipalities to conceive the Sp as a real strategic planning tool and not as merely a tool for day by day administrative implementation.

The choice made by the municipality for a collaborative approach to planning with the province and the region has allowed converging choices based on a shared view of local development.

The numerous work meetings (about 40 before the final formal conference)

have allowed the establishment of a coherent and shared frame of planning objectives, allowing the initial (limited) points of conflict to be overcome. This also achieved the main goals of avoiding the all too common practice of having a plan based mainly on prohibitions and limitations and of corresponding to the spirit of the regional legislation that left the evaluation to the local levels and the control only to main strategic contents: the identity and values of the rural areas, the criteria for urban development (parts to be preserved, to be consolidated and to be developed), environmental conservation and relationship with main infrastructures.

The Grosseto structure plan fulfills such requirements and therefore reinforces the provincial policies for sustainable development.