

## GEOGRAPHICAL UNDERSTANDING OF SPATIAL PLANNING

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*Modern trends of spatial planning are based on a multidisciplinary approach which includes scientific area of geography. In the researchs for the development of spatial plans teams of different experts from several scientific fields participate (geographers, architects, economists, lawyers, etc.). The role of geographers in the understanding of space and the development of spatial plans is significant; from placing objects, aims and methods of research, preparation of cartographic base, then managing production, and finally the implementation of regional plans. In the scientific literature, theoretical discussions and articles on geography in the field of spatial planning are scarce, although geography and spatial planning are scientific disciplines with much in common. The aim of this paper is to examine the relationships between geography, primarily because of the space as its study object, and spatial planning, as a complex scientific and research discipline. Geographical spatial analysis and the development of spatial planning is necessary to Bosnia and Herzegovina on its European path, because planned activities based on geographical analysis are an important segment of the national spatial strategy of the European Union member states.*

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