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### Resolution 37. The importance of nature conservation criteria in land-use planning policies



Year	Congress
2012	
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
 <b>Generalitat de Catalunya</b>	Acció Natura, Basque Government, Eco-Union, SEO / BirdLife, Oxygen Foundation, Nature and Man Foundation, Geological Society of Spain
Petition	
Calls on States, sub-national governments and local entities that are members of and competent for territorial planning: to manage the territory taking into account the (semi-)natural elements and ecological processes; to incorporate criteria for the conservation of the natural heritage in all sectoral	

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policies related to the use and management of the territory; to establish a territorial model in which economic activity is developed in harmony with the conservation of biodiversity and the natural heritage; and recommends that this territorial model protect natural values Urges the Director General to: highlight in the IUCN Programme 2013-2016 the relevance of territorial planning as a key policy from which to establish conservation criteria; disseminate the value of green infrastructure and the territorial matrix as a basis for heritage elements; develop territorial planning guidelines that highlight the value of green infrastructure; and support existing initiatives whose objectives coincide with that of this motion.

State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process

### Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain

[Sub-National Governments Advisory Committee \(CASNG\)](#) Action Plan 2013-15: is one of the two advisory bodies of the Global Partnership for Local and Sub-National Action on Biodiversity.

[Strategic Plan for Natural Heritage and Biodiversity 2011-2017.](#)

[Integrated Territorial Planning for Biodiversity.](#)

Fundación Biodiversidad is developing the document "[Integration of land stewardship into the planning and management of nature conservation policies](#)".

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[National Strategy for Green Infrastructure and Ecological Connectivity and Restoration.](#) (2021). One of its objectives is to maximize the transversal integration of the concepts, objectives and approaches of the Green Infrastructure at the different levels of territorial planning.

[National Plan for Adaptation to Climate Change 2021-2030.](#) (2021). It underlines the interest of integrating adaptation to climate change in territorial and urban planning, as well as in the building sector.

[IUCN. REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL CONFERENCES Nature-based solutions for connectivity and environmental restoration within the framework of the National Green Infrastructure Strategy May 19 and 20, 2021.](#) (2021). Challenges and challenges in territorial planning: proposed actions.

[Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan. Component 4. Conservation and restoration of marine and terrestrial ecosystems and their biodiversity.](#) (2022). For the restoration of ecosystems and green infrastructure. It sets guidelines so that the territorial and sectoral planning carried out by the public Administrations in the period of development of the Recovery Plan allows and ensures ecological connectivity and the functionality of ecosystems, mitigation and adaptation to the effects of climate change, the defragmentation of strategic areas for connectivity and restoration of degraded ecosystems. [The rural environment in the territorial planning of the Basque Country two functional areas as a case study in the categorization of undeveloped land.](#) (2022).

[Strategic Plan for Natural Heritage and Biodiversity to 2030.](#) (2022). Recovery of ecosystems in territorial planning.

[MITERD submits the draft of the National Strategy to Combat Desertification in Spain to public information.](#) (2022). One of its objectives is to integrate consideration of the effects of land degradation and desertification at all levels of territorial planning and in the formulation and development of sectoral and transversal policies.

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Legislation:

[Royal Decree 1274/2011](#) (approving the Strategic Plan for Natural Heritage and Biodiversity 2011-2017, in application of Law 42/2007 of 13 December on Natural Heritage and Biodiversity); [Law 4/2014 on Landscape](#) (proposing instruments to achieve conservation and management objectives. Among its aims are the involvement of the various administrations with an impact on the landscape. To this end, planning instruments and application instruments are established); [Legislative Decree 1/2014](#) (the revised text of the Basque Country Nature Conservation Act is approved); [Law 14/2014](#) (on Harmonisation and Simplification in matters of Protection of the Territory and Natural Resources); [Law 4/2015 on the Natural Heritage of Castilla y León](#) (devotes a section to the preparation and development of Natural Resource Management Plans, as basic instruments for integrating the criteria for the preservation of natural heritage into territorial planning); [Law 11/2018](#) (on sustainable territorial and urban planning in Extremadura); [Law 5/2019](#) (on the natural heritage and biodiversity of Galicia).

[AGREEMENT of December 21, 2020](#), of the Extremadura Urban Planning and Territorial Planning Commission, on the final approval of the General Municipal Plan of Miajadas. (2021AC0001). (2020).



[DECREE 238/2020, of December 29](#), which approves the Galician Landscape Guidelines.

[ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION, FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE AND TERRITORIAL PLANNING AMENDING ORDER 411/2020, OF DECEMBER 15, IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC COMPANIES REGARDING TERRITORIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING, SA \(GESPLAN\), THE SERVICE CONSISTING OF "PROMOTION OF THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN ARID REGIONS THROUGH MULTIFUNCTIONAL SOIL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS: CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY, WASTE MANAGEMENT, CARBON SINKS AND THE FIGHT AGAINST DESERTIFICATION", FRAMED WITHIN THE FEDER OPERATIONAL PROGRAM \(2014-2020\).](#)

[DECREE 11/2021, of January 19](#), which establishes the organic and functional structure of the Department of Territorial Planning, Housing and Transport.

[2892 DEGREE 54/2021, of May 27](#), which approves the Organic Regulation of the Ministry of Ecological Transition, Fight against Climate Change and Territorial Planning.

[Order PCM/735/2021, of July 9](#), approving the National Strategy for Green Infrastructure and Ecological Connectivity and Restoration.

Estimated geographical scope	Geographical scope achieved
	

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