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Ethical motives behind environmental sustainability

While environmentally conscious planning and design techniques and principles developed in a rather organic manner in the Western European countries, the importance of the same concerns in the Eastern part of Europe became important with the accession or approach to the European Union. Sustainability concepts tend to base on different ideological-ethical bases and change these bases through the evolution of the concepts. However, in the post-Soviet member states of the EU the multiplicity of different evolution phases tend to appear congested in time, and urban planning and development practice have to tackle these sustainability challenges promptly. The presentation examines how sustainability concerns were incorporated into spatial and urban development planning in the Eastern EU member states and what relation the concepts have with environmental ideologies and ethics.