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MAKING SPACE FOR LESS. TOWARDS DE-SEALING AND DE-CONSTRUCTION IN PLANNING POLICY

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Abstract Body: Planning policies are primarily set up to facilitate residential and economic growth and, merely as a complement, to protect areas of natural interest. Planning seems to have turned from a communist method of policy making into an asset to facilitate insatiable growth in capitalist societies. As humankind is increasingly confronted with its limits, societal movements such as 'Degrowth' question dominant consumerist discourses. This alternative perspective still seems absent or underexposed in planning. A kind of degrowth planning exists in regions with structural emigration and vacancy, but they are labeled problematically 'shrinking regions'. Most far-reaching planning initiatives reluctantly try to delete areas in land use plans that are meant for residential/industrial development. These attempts already open debates on expropriation, compensation for planning decisions, transferable development rights, ... This contribution wants to go beyond these obvious types of degrowth in planning. In the light of EU policies on the mitigation of effects of soil sealing, it is topical to explore the modalities of planning that facilitates de-sealing of soils and de-construction of buildings. The debate on the societal acceptance could start off from very obvious situations: every one undoubtedly knows a solidified surface or an un(der)used construction that has been there for decades and doesn't disappear. I want to explore the reasons for this continuous sealing and the pitfalls for a planning of de-sealing. Through an exploration of the Flemish (North Belgian) context, peers at the AESOP congress can shed light on similar or inspiring experiences elsewhere.