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This thesis aims to study the National Economic and Social Development Plans on various legal aspects with the assumption that imbalanced development might result from lack of participation from different parts of the society.

The study has shown that at different stages of the planning process, people's participation is not fully recognized by planning agency so as to induce various interest groups to help shaping the future and to voluntarily follow the implementation of the plan. This lack of people's participation can be proved both in the way the planning agency, the National Economic and Social Development Board and its office, is organized and in the way the planning process and implementation as well as evaluation is proceeded. The ultimate source of the problems is the law on planning which lacks transparency.

It is therefore suggested in the conclusion that legal provisions on planning organization and process should be made more transparent and should prescribe participation of various interest groups in the society to the planning organization and process so as to ensure the success of the plans. The french model is to be adapted to the end.