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## Participation, Conflicts and Community Engagement in Mining Areas: The Case of Bor and Majdanpek\*

The aim of this paper is to identify the motivations for community participation or lack thereof in the process of creating planning documents in mining areas. Based on the conducted research, the issues that concern residents the most within their local community will be addressed. An assessment of the local population's interest in public participation in the creation of planning documents will also be provided, along with the key reasons why they do not engage more in this process. It will also explore whether and why the population feels more comfortable expressing their opinions anonymously or through direct representation. The survey was conducted during July and August 2024 with a random sample of 300 respondents. Additionally, an analysis of secondary sources on community engagement in in the local context of Bor and Majdanpek will be presented.

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