

Problems of defining cultural values of rural architecture



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Document	Made by	Definiton of value	Categories of value	Method of evaluation	Building restrictions
"General plan of Halliste municipality until 2015"	Local municipality officials	"Value of architecture lies in the harmonic whole of buildings, streets, vegetation etc."	None mentioned	Areas designated according to expert knowledge of municipality officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * additions to buildings should be made without spoiling the initial architectural idea of the building * preservation of historical facades * preservation of the size, approrioning of the windows, tilt and shape of the roofs
"General plan of Pärsti municipality"	Local municipality officials	"Defining milieu-valued areas is based on the project "Valuable Landscapes" "	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cultural-Historical Value * Aesthetic Value * Nature Value * Identity Value * Recreative Value 	Areas designated by expert knowledge according to listed values identified by local municipality officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * maintaining traditional elements, structures and land-use * each milieu-valued area has it's own set of specific regulations
"General plan of Vihula municipality"	Private company Entec	"Milieu-valued building-area is a territory designated by the general plan, that has maintained a wholesome milieu with traditional housing, roads and green - areas"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Traditional materials * Appropriate building volumes * Appropriateness with surroundings 	Areas and aspects of value designated by expert knowledge of planners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * changing the approrioning or size of windows needs to be co-ordinated with the local municipality * each milieu-valued area has it's own set of specific regulations besides general ones
"Thematic planning of milieu-valued areas and green belts of Viimsi municipality"	Private company Entec	"Cultural heritage is a political choice concerning past. Values are not objective categories, but are related to a evaluating community through identity"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Uniqueness * Character * Unspoiledness * Well-state * Tourism potential 	Areas and aspects of value designated by expert knowledge of planners, architects and local municipality workers. Questionnaires, scales 1 to 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * each milieu-valued area has it's own set of specific regulations * (for Lännemäe village) retaining old wooden dwellings and other buildings must be retained or renovated in a visually authentic way

Milieu-valued area plans in Estonia

Some theories and definitions of value

- **Universalism**

- **Objectivism**

- value is a property of an object
 - methods – expert evaluations, inventories etc.

- **Subjectivism**

- value is a property or process of perception
 - methods – expert evaluations, questionnaires, interviews or focus groups etc.

- **Relativism**

- Value is a judgment given to a phenomena by a particular person in a particular context
 - methods ?



Summary

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:
(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC)



Source: <http://xkcd.com>