This paper aims to examine what materials should be referred to when assessing the formulation and implementation of Russia’s long-term socio-economic development policies.

In the 2010s, Russia underwent many changes in the system and rules related to the formulation and implementation of long-term, strategic planning for socio-economic development. Specifically, two long-term planning frameworks under the names of “State Programs” and “National Projects” were established, and the position of the Federal Target Program, which had played a significant role in the 2000s, has changed. Without an understanding of the new policy system, one cannot correctly assess Russia’s long-term policies and strategies. Therefore, this paper traces the evolution of the system (formulation and implementation rules) of policy documents having the character of long-term planning, using planning documents related to transport infrastructure development as an example.

This paper concludes that the system has become more elaborate, but at the same time, it has become more challenging to understand the actual situation, which is a negative effect of increasing complexity and frequent system changes. Besides, the State Program “Development of Transport System” should be a primary material, though not a complete source, when analyzing the policy of transport infrastructure development.

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