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Narrating planning challenges for flood risk management resulting from urban-rural migration: the Czech case

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Following the political transition in early 1990s, current Czechia has rapidly encountered social and economic processes that have evolved gradually in western democratic countries. Among these processes, urban-rural migration, suburbanization, urban shrinkage, inner city redevelopment and others have fundamentally changed the territorial organization of society and - along with ongoing institutional change - raised new challenges for the land management. In this paper, we discuss the specific impacts that the urban-rural migration and related processes have had on changing flood vulnerabilities in Czechia. After then, we continue to provide the case narratives for implications that the population and settlement changes have had on planning approaches to flood risk reduction. Among the cases, the new housing development in rural areas, on one hand, and functional abandonment and renewal of private urban spaces, on the other, are examined in particular. These cases illustrate the roots and challenges for (frequently) fragmented approach to flood risk management in Czechia.