

Abstract

The main topic of the research was the evaluation of the effectiveness of local governance with an emphasis on the approaches of selected cities in the Czechia to financing local development. The basis is an analysis of the content of strategic documents, the definition of development policies, and their long-term financing (in the period 2002–2020), including the use of EU funds. In the next part, using media analysis of local online newspapers, local political conflicts concerning the budget in the surveyed cities were identified. The result is a proposed composite index of local government efficiency measuring four areas of efficiency - public participation, political stability, local development financing, and the role of the city in micro-regional development.

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