

Abstract

The subject of the research of the master's thesis is the boundary of the effective and sustainable functioning of small municipalities in the Czech Republic, specifically in the ORP (municipalities with extended powers) Litomyšl and Chrudim. In the Czech Republic, the issue of sustainability and efficiency of small municipalities is a long-term problem that still has not been resolved. Civic amenities are also relevant. Due to the low population size of the municipalities, they often do not reach the corresponding standard. The first part of the thesis presents the institutional context of the development of public administration and self-government in the Czech lands, the Czech Republic and Czechoslovakia. The second part describes theoretical concepts, indices, measures describing the efficiency of municipal governments. The third part describes the method of selecting the territory, the description of the data and the composition of the set of indicators, which are developed in the analytical part.

The analytical part determines the approximate population size from which the municipality is able to ensure basic standards of services for its citizens and at the same time function sustainably. The evaluation - standard chapter determined the basic standard that municipalities should provide for their citizens. The discussion chapter then attempts to compare and develop the analytical results together with the mentioned concepts from the theoretical part.

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