

## **Abstract**

The civic participation is an active approach of the citizen who has possibility of using more or less formalized tools to influence public affairs.

This diploma thesis “Citizens participation in the town life on a case study in Mnichovice“ will deal with civic participation in a small town close to Prague – Mnichovice. The level of participation will be analyzed by the OECD (information, consultation, active participation) town hall uses, what factors influence participation rates, what motivates people to engage in participation and what discourages vice versa and which particular forms of cooperation with citizens are effective for local public administration.

The theoretical part of this diploma thesis deals with the historical development of civil participation in decision making processes, analyzes legislation of the Czech Republic to describe the theoretical participation and engagement in different types of participation in the various approaches and finally explores options of participation in a small town with 3200 residents, which is located in the suburbia of Prague, 30 km south-east from the center of the capitol city.

The practical part of this diploma thesis will be to analyze the various stakeholders in the community, analyze town hall attitude towards civic participation and development in the last two election periods, as well as individual projects, which promote the participation of citizens. The aim of this thesis is to judge the level of participation with the town hall and to decide which measures to support. Analysis of the state of civic participation in Mnichovice could thus serve to create policies to increase citizen participation.

Data for the thesis was acquired by an empirical data collection technique - analysis of actors based on structured interviews with them and based on participant observation, as well as quantitative analysis of documents and secondary data analysis.