

This master's thesis focuses on studying the function of civil control over local government and maps this practice both in the Czech and the Slovak Republic. It pursues the following questions: what is the role of watchdog NGOs in civil society and democracy? What is the watchdog concept? What is corruption and how to fight against it? Through practical examples and several case studies it describes the basic interactions of watchdog with the local environment, the sources of civil control legitimacy, and the obstacles and limits to watchdog work.