

The civic society is one of the basic elements of democracy. It reflects how democracy is incorporated in the society and in its citizens' awareness. It uncovers if/how it is taken and accepted by citizens. The true civil society requires participation and an active attitude from citizens who change themselves from a passive mass into real co-originators of the policies. The presented thesis focuses on the study of a citizen and its role in the democracy of Slovakia. It analyses the behavior of a citizen on the local level, where he/she has the closest contact with the policy. It is the local level where he/she has the greatest chance of participation in the policy making processes.