

# Resumé

## *Information duty of municipalities in selected countries*

In this thesis I have concentrated on the topic of transparency and openness of municipality bodies in the Czech republic, the Slovak republic and the Free State of Bavaria. The legislations in these countries have historically similar grounds, nevertheless, nowadays they show up many distinctions. My concentration was focused on the Czech legislation and legislative proposals, since the topics of open (digital) society, transparent politics and elements of direct democracy are being held as popular key words in the election struggles. The attempts of last three governments were heading almost to the same goals, showing that there is a need to adjust the processes of municipality bodies in terms of enabling citizens to participate and control easily the work of their representatives. These measures were meant to have the effect of decreasing the possibility of corruption at the municipal level.

I have oriented on the following topics in comparing of the relevant legislations: the possibility of public to be present during sessions of municipal bodies; processes of preparation and invitations of citizens to these sessions and legal consequences in case the procedure would not be abided by; releasing of written and multimedia records of the sessions and its relevance to personal data protection.

Studying of all three systems was also a task to compare how theory written in relevant laws works in praxis. Therefore it was necessary to examine number of municipality web pages, judgments, opinions of controlling bodies (mainly supervision departments of relevant ministries and of personal data protection bodies).

At the end of my thesis I have tried to summon strong and weak elements in each state. I have also proposed ideas how to solve some situations *de lege ferenda*, where the conflict of interests appears.

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