

## **New Mechanisms Increasing Social Participation and Control over the Activities of Local Self-Government**

### **Abstract**

Amendment to the act on local government introduced a number of changes, which aimed at strengthening the control and supervision of citizens over public authorities. Although the legislator took the right direction trying to improve the supervision of the local authority, the provisions of the Act raise a number of legal and procedural doubts. On the one hand, there are guarantees of citizens' participation in making key decisions (legislative initiative), on the other hand, there are no solutions as to the procedure for

enforcing the right of councilors to access the premises of the local government unit and the issue of issuing official instructions of the chairman of the council to office employees. After a deeper analysis of the amended Act, a reflection comes about that the legislator, wanting to significantly influence the level of transparency and control over public authorities, did not act diligently in preparing the analyzed normative act.

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