

## **Social Environment and Political Decisions Taken at the Local Level. In Searching of Conditions for Effective Social Participation**

### **Abstract:**

The aim of the article is to analyze the relationship between local authority (local government) and social environment and to identify factors that affect these relationships in a positive and developing way. The main hypothesis is that the type of relationship and communication between the social environment and local authorities affects the scope of citizens' participation in decision-making processes at the local level. It is possible, therefore, to specify conditions enabling the quality of this process to be strengthened at particular stages of decision-making process.

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