

Transparency of the work of local government bodies

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Abstract

The spirit and basic principles of local self-government defined by the European Charter of Local Government put the transparency of local government bodies at the center of the focus of municipal bodies. Citizens realize most of their rights and responsibilities at the local government level, whose mission is to encourage citizens in decision-making through the publicity of its work, informing citizens about municipal activities and projects, and obtaining opinions. related to municipal priorities. The Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo has directly incorporated the European Charter for Local Government.

The purpose of this study is to analyze the level of municipal accountability and transparency for citizens, civil society and all interested parties regarding decisions, strategies, other political documents and actions that directly affect the life of the citizens. For the realization of this study, the comparison method, descriptive legal methods and statistical analysis were mainly used.

The results of this research show that although the legal framework for municipal transparency obliges municipalities to promote transparency in the work of municipal bodies, its full practical implementation is lacking. Not all municipalities respect the legal requirements when it comes to practical implementation of these obligations. Furthermore, the results of the survey with citizens show that they are not adequately informed about the work of the local administration.

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