

POSSIBILITIES TO REFORM THE SYSTEM OF MUNICIPALITIES IN SLOVENIA¹

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Summary:

The reform of local self-government in Slovenia is definitely needed, as well as the need for the realization of second level of local government and the establishment of regions. It has to be appropriate to reorganize the local community, or at least stopped them legal personality.

However, in our opinion, this is not the idea of individual initiative and individual minister who is looking for a financial impact and cost savings for the state. In our opinion, such an ad hoc campaigns reinforce attitudes and beliefs that really do not change anything and improved. In addition, the county pushed into the role of opponents, rather than co-workers and designers the necessary changes.

We believe that long-term orientation, strategy development of local self-government that would be adopted by the National Assembly by a two-thirds majority can be a basis for change in the structure and functioning of local self-government in Slovenia.

This reinforces our success inter-municipal co-operation in Slovenia, since the 48 joint municipal administrations involved 195 individual municipalities or 92.4 % of all municipalities. However, it should be noted that the inter-municipal intensive process integration and collaboration began in 2005, nearly 10 years of intense and daily work. Maybe this is not a recipe, but it is an important experience.

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