

# REGIONAL SELF GOVERNANCE IN SLOVAKIA - RECESSION OF ITS VIABILITY

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## **Abstract**

Since establishment of independent Slovakia in 1993, Slovak regional self government has been in center of political discourse only for a short period before its resurrection in 2001. However, the only complex reform of regional self government was a pure political decision with no respect to historical traditions of Slovak regions. This paper will try to highlight the desperate need for a second complex reform, before any attempts for creation of modern and effective self government can take place in Slovakia. It should focus on budgetary viability of regions, low regional election turnout and identification of inhabitants with their administrative regions. We argue that current model of regional self-governance is unsustainable in the long term and preparatory works on new reform should be absolved from any political pressures.