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## **EDITORIAL**

The municipality is the basic territorial-self-governing unit of the state. The organization of life and governance at this level is just as important as at the level of the state, sometimes perhaps even more important. This generally valid premise is the motto of the content focus of the first issue of our scientific journal in 2023, more precisely its three contributions touching the local level.

The first of the contributions has a political science character and deals with the selection of actors at the level of municipal self-government (Machyniak, Richvalský, Michal). The second contribution is focused on the problems, or shortcomings of the legislation causing the non-functionality of the municipal self-government and its bodies in the conditions of the Slovak Republic (Trellová). The third article (Beck) is an exemplary connection of the issue, which has a transnational, better said global, character, but its impacts and possible solutions are also justified at the local level.

The trio of interconnected contributions (in the sense of their relation to local conditions) is completed by a final contribution dedicated to the topic, which has a historical aspect, as well as a contemporary one, which will undoubtedly remain so in the future (Palúš, Vyrostko).

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