

## **ABSTRACT**

### **FUNCTIONING RULES OF WATCHDOG ORGANIZATIONS IN POLAND**

It is difficult to imagine a well-functioning democratic state without a civil society today. It's so-called the third sector relieves them in fulfilling the duty to meet human needs and interests. Watchdog organizations are a significant element of civil society in Poland. They provide social services that the public sector or the business sector cannot implement. Their role as carriers of social innovations is of great importance for the functioning of a democratic state of law. They focus mainly on controlling and correcting the activities of its institutions.

The research problem is an analysis of the implementation of the rules of the functioning of watchdog organizations in Poland in terms of their independence, accountability and reliability. Created for this work ideal model of effective watchdog organization allowed to formulate a thesis, which is based on accepted research methodology. It was assumed that an effective watchdog organization is independent, accountable and reliable in the eyes of citizens. The aim of the work is to capture the extent to which contemporary watchdog organizations in Poland apply these principles in practice and whether the way they are respected is communicated to citizens in whose interests they operate. In addition to the exploratory purpose, the researcher also focused on explaining the causes of these phenomena that have the greatest impact on the scope of implementing the principles of independence, accountability and reliability.

The activities of this type of institution should be considered necessary and useful. Undoubtedly, this type of activity carries a positive educational and innovative character, creating many useful changes in the social reality. We need openness of public life, control of public institutions by social bodies. In every commune there should be a civic institution monitoring all decision-making processes leading to spending public money. They should operate legal aid agencies that would serve the citizens advice, in order to be able to oppose the decisions of the administration.