

Popular science project summary

The project entitled “**The legal status of the metropolitan association in Poland and the metropolis in France. Comparative legal study**” is the first title, in the form of a monograph that would aim for a holistic approach of the issues related to the determination of the legal status of the metropolis in France and the metropolitan association in Poland in a comparative aspect. This institution constitutes a normative novelty in Poland (introduced under the Act of 9 October 2015), which correlates with the effective management of the local government community and the performance of the associated tasks. The creation of a strong metropolitan center, which would lead – by the common performance of the tasks of the units and by solving the problems – to the improvements in the management in agglomeration, can be treated as the answer to the current needs of the local government. Hence, the problem of the metropolitan areas is seen as very important. The aim of the study is an attempt to answer, among others, the following questions:

- 1) What is the institution of the metropolis and the metropolitan association in the local government in Poland and in France; what are the legal basis for establishing this mechanism of the cooperation of the units of the local governments in the management of local government community, and what is their legal nature;
- 2) Have the legal assumptions of the political system of metropolitan areas been adapted to their structure and local characteristics in both legal orders? Do the legal regulations in respect of the organization and functioning of the metropolis and the metropolitan association require significant legal modifications, in order to increase the efficiency of the implementation of tasks and to create real normative guarantees of managing the metropolitan area?
- 3) What is the scope of the tasks performed by the metropolis and the metropolitan association? Has a new formula of carrying out tasks and forms of their implementation been adapted to the needs of the community? What are the rules for the establishment and operation of metropolitan poles in France (*pôles métropolitains*)?

The normative analysis of the legal status of the metropolis in France and the metropolitan association in Poland will allow to assess their internal organization and the tasks which the legislator conferred on them to perform. There will be presented the place of the metropolis in the structure of the local government in both legal systems, the legal subjectivity of the metropolitan areas, the normative context (including the legal basis of their functioning and the evolution of the regulations of these institutions – from the forms based on voluntary cooperation to the establishment of general metropolitan units), subjective and objective scope of their activities and forms of the realization of their tasks.

The analysis of the discussed problems in the project will be made based on the historical and comparative-legal dogmatic method which is to constitute the basis for proposing legislative solutions in this regard.

The research project will contribute to expanding the scope of knowledge about the legal position of the metropolis in France and the metropolitan association in Poland, the management of the metropolitan area and the performance of the tasks imposed by the statute in this form of cooperation of local government units. The analysed issue constitutes a certain scientific novelty concerning the discussed topic in the field of administrative law. The state of the academic literature cannot be considered as satisfactory in this matter. The project includes the analysis of the issues which are not only momentous from the legal, scientific and social point of view, but also not yet examined properly. At the same time, the project meets all the features of scientific novelty. The aim of the research project is to standardize and propose normative solutions concerning the organization and functioning of the metropolitan association in Poland, with the aim of effective governance in the local community, which will contribute to the discussion on the role and significance of this institution in the structure of the local government in Poland and in France. The project will contain a proposal of modifying the normative shape of the institution of the metropolitan association in Poland.