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**Title: The managerial aspect of public interest at the local level - the case of the municipality of Gostivar**

**Abstract**

In the process of decentralization of power, local self-government units transferred a large number of essential competences for more efficient, economical and democratic management of public affairs in local communities in the field of urban planning, for building permits, regulation of space and arrangement of land for building, protection of the environment and nature, social protection and protection of children, education, protection and rescue of citizens and material goods, fire department and other duties established by law. The municipality exercises its competences through the municipal administration or through the establishment of local public enterprises and public institutions, and the performance of certain works can be delegated through other legal or natural persons, based on an agreement for the performance of works of public interest, in accordance with the law. The system of local self-government in the Republic of North Macedonia is built on the principles of the European Charter for Local Self-Government, ratified by the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia in 1997, and good practices in the member states of the European Union. The right to local government is a constitutionally guaranteed right, and the system according to the norms is regulated by the Constitution of the Republic of North Macedonia, the Law on Local Self-Government, the Law on Territorial Organization of Local Self-Government, the Law on Financing of Local Self-Government Units and other sectoral laws.

**Key words:** local self-government, politics, power, common good, public interest, decentralization.