

## MATRIX OF COMPETENCIES OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT

### Context

The latest decentralization reform in the country started with law 139/2015 “On Local Self-government” and law 68/2017 “On local self-government finance” and should continue with the analysis of sectorial laws in order to help harmonize the distribution of authority in the two levels of governance for each area of the functions of local self-governance.

The two monitoring reports for the implementation of the Strategy, drafted respectively in 2016 and 2017, have consistently identified that the lack of legal harmonization is present in many areas of functional activity of local self-government, and in particular the new functions that have been transferred to this level of government by law 139/2015 and within the Territorial and Administrative Reform of 2015.

The improvement and harmonization of the sectorial legal and institutional framework is of utmost importance in order to increase the efficiency of local self-government units, in line with the vision of the Strategy; it also ensures the sustainable development of this governing level, which in itself constitutes one of the main objectives of the Strategy.

### Project objectives

The purpose of this project was to provide a structured information and help establish a clear understanding of the complementary roles of the three tiers of government in the execution of local

government competencies and provision of the LGUs, in line with 139/2015 and within the Territorial and Administrative Reform of 2015. Also, to provide recommendations to the Ministry of Interior, responsible for coordination with the local government and local elected associations, on steps that need to be taken to ensure in the sectorial legislation relevant to local self-governance the extent of local autonomy set out in the Cross-Cutting Strategy of Decentralisation and Local Governance.



### Results of the project

The main result of this project is the Institutional Matrix for Local Self Government Competences Execution, coupled with clear recommendations to address the bottlenecks. To this purpose, around 400 legal and sub-legal acts have been reviewed, which regulate the various sectors involving the exercise of functions by the local self-government units.

The matrix constitutes an instrument that will help both tiers of governance share a similar

understanding of the current legal and institutional framework which is relevant to the local self-government functions. The implementation of the recommendations that were provided in a report will require the revision of the Strategy along with the timeline of implementation, and financial and human resources needed, allowing for progress towards the ongoing challenge for decentralization and democracy.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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- EU Delegation in Albania

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- Ministry of Interior

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