

The dissertation thesis analyzes the right to local self-government as a right of utmost importance to democracy and rule of law. The thesis aims to delineate the right to self-government, including its European and constitutional dimensions, determine its content, and answer controversial questions surrounding it. The author firstly puts the right to local self-government in the historical context for the historical development since the 2nd half of 19th century has been determining for its current state. The author then focuses on the definition of the right to local self-government, its content, and its holders. To understand its contemporary interpretation, the author also analyzes its European and constitutional dimension in detail, bearing in mind that the European dimension is often overlooked by scholars. The result of the thesis is a complex and detailed definition of the right to local self-government with its content flowing from the European and constitutional dimensions.