

## **Abstract**

The bachelor's thesis is a case study that deals with the influence of factors that influence interest in the post of mayor of small municipalities in the Moravian-Silesian Region. This thesis describes Czech local politics, which is very specific due to its large number of small municipalities in the Czech Republic. The local politics of the Czech Republic is extensively researched, thanks to many important authors who have devoted themselves, for example, to local councils, rural municipalities, or the creation of coalitions or parties of representatives. Research usually comes to the conclusion that there is no interest in the post of mayor in small municipalities, yet no work published so far describes the exact reasons that influence this interest. Since this phenomenon of interest has not yet been specifically described, however, the circumstances confirming lack of interest are very specific, this work is based on qualitative research. The aim of the thesis is to find out what affects the mayor's interest in the post of mayor. To fulfill the aim of the work, he uses case studies and conducts seven semi-structured interviews with mayors of small municipalities in the Moravian-Silesian Region. Based on semi-structured interviews, the work tries to find out whether the five pre-created tested variables determine interest or not. Thanks to these variables, the work concludes which aspects influence mayors and to what extent they determine interest in their post. A case study does not aim to present a solution to a problem. At the same time, it does not quantify its data for all mayors of small municipalities, due to the limited number of respondents. The work presents an insight into the issue of (dis)interest in the post of mayor, which has not yet been described.