

Towards evidence-based policies of the third sector? Case of Croatia

Abstract

This paper investigates various cultural aspects that are relevant to the effective functioning of the system of Rule of Law. Rule of Law (hereinafter. RoL) in this context is conceived as a characteristic feature of government functioning, limiting the potential actions of government and setting up certain boundaries that the government cannot cross. That is why the issue may be relevant for NISPAcee and generally for public administration as the most active and visible element of government.

The paper, whose complete draft has already been written, analyses findings of a survey research carried out in three countries (Hungary, Netherlands, Serbia) regarding popular support for the RoL, especially reasons of law-abiding behavior. Independent variables, including socio-demographic and law-related (especially: trust in and experience with the legal system) are also tested.

The overall conclusion is, not surprisingly, that the two CEE countries are characteristically differ from the Netherlands: However, sometimes quite surprisingly, this finding is far from unequivocal. Important anomalies from the general trend are also reviewed.