

The law on the capital of Slovakia is not self-salvable



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Currently the long since out-of-date law of the Slovak National Council on the capital of Slovak republic Bratislava have passed multiply amendments since year 1990, which never led to satisfaction. Trials to change it radically or to exchange by entirely new one foiled always due to principal conflict „fathers of the city“ and majors, who demanded in order not only the whole was strong, but also the city districts. In July 2008 they achieved conformity in nearly all key questions: statute of the city and position of the city districts (allocation of competencies), transfer of the city property to their administration and determination of real estate tax collection.

Objective demonstration of relativity

The law amendment, which defines functions of Bratislava in terms of the capital of state, was born like a common proposal of 17 city districts and the major in the end. Its approval on the area of NR SR in November 2008 was consensual result of about one and half year persistent proceedings among them. The chairman of the Regional Association of City Districts and the major of Nové Mesto, Richard Frimmel, invited it. Besides, that they can obtain money from Euro funds this way, really record number of communal deputies here will be reduced (for example from 80 to 45 in the local authority, from 40 to 25 at Nové Mesto), what will embitter centrals of political parties of course, which will not satisfy all their candidates. However, not electors and taxpayers are included. Mainly if they know that while decisions making at the city parliament rather specific economical interests of political clubs are concerned.

The major Andrej Ďurkovský did not mask various feelings. Mainly the disappointment dominated, that deputies of NR SR did not identify with that in order Bratislava got what it needs from the state budget for fulfilling functions of the capital of SR. He mainly meant lawmakers with permanent residence in Bratislava by this, who ought to understand its needs the best. He presented the licence for the city mass transportation suspended by the state, for example. „I believe that our society will achieve the status one time to understand, that Bratislava as the capital of SR represents all Slovakia, it means citizen, president, and government as well deputies of the National council of SR, “he closed his attitude to the amendment on the official pages of the SR capital.

Unfortunately, the budget of Bratislava is not developing from year to year so to copy its increasing needs resulted from fulfilling functions of the city, over city, all-state and representation- supranational significance. His ancestors already stated many times bitterly in this relation, that the year budget of Austrian metropolis Vienna (about 10 billions Euro) is not only 30-times higher than the Bratislava one, but it ventures on the state budget of Slovak republic! Yes, this is the objective demonstration of relativity.

Microeconomic and investment market

Bratislava plans to spend about 332 millions Euro (10 billions SKK) for necessary expenses in year 2009. In contrary with year 2008, when it managed the balanced budget under 324 millions Euro (9.75 billiards SKK) in income and expenditure parts, it has to get balanced with the deficit about 4.65 millions Euro (140 millions SKK), which the mentioned amendment produced. The budget priorities - transport constructions, reconstructions of roads under the capital administration, renovation of the bus park of DPB and improvement of public order - are not changed in spite of that. Also several city districts can praise with approved budgets. For example the Old City will manage the budget in the amount of 17.375 millions Euro (522.69 mills SKK). The entire budget of Lamač, which was in the budget deficit since January, is built-up like the deficit, the current and the surplus budgets. Dúbravka ought to manage the balanced budget of almost 8.323 millions Euro (250.74 mills SKK).

Neither the law nor the budget is the self-salvable key. The communal policy itself is not elastic enough in Bratislava and its „initiatives“ are often only reactions to point-blank postulate pressure of professional public, protective groups or today so popular petition activists in fact. The example can be substantial unpreparedness of the self-administration for massive incursion of domestic and foreigner developers do the city territory (no existed or still changed city-planning schemes without worked out regulative, deficient lists of industrial and technical sights, never-ending story of building the bearing transport system (still in the phase of placing new and new studies), or incorporating laic public into exclusively professional targets like the newest phenomenon, like the looking for the final look of the Old Bridge and Staromestská Street is.

Problems relating to global trends are also the most actual along with the targets of the state in order to provide over city and supranational functions of Bratislava: for example effect of changed macroeconomic situation for realisation of investment opportunities and expected development of the real estate market in the capital. Having the aim to answer these questions as well to offer an informal communication platform to attendants the Internet magazine Stavebné fórum.sk comes with the new product - working breakfast. The tomorrow one called Macroeconomic 2009 - current state and perspective, which is going to be taken place in the Radisson SAS Carlton Hotel under patronage of the major of SR capital, Andrej Ďurkovský, will also be enriched by active participants presence - Juraj Barta (Slovak Savings), Mikuláš Cár (National Bank of Slovakia) and Zdenko Krajčír (Institute of Financial Policy of MF SR).

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