



Republic of Serbia
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
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**What evolutions in the State
territorial representative's
profession?**

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Legislative Framework in Serbia

- Deconcentration vs. Decentralisation
- Constitution
- Law on State Administration
- Government Decree on Administrative Districts (29 Districts)



Administrative District

- **Not** a form of territorial organisation of the State!
- Definition: Territorial centre of state administration that encompasses the district territorial units of all state administration bodies established for the territory of the district.
- Tasks of state administration performed: first instance of administrative procedure, appeals, supervise the work of the holders of public powers, inspection.



STR in Serbia – Head of Administrative District

- Appointed by the Government, at the proposal of the Minister in charge of state administration, in accordance with the Civil Service Act;
- Responsible to the Minister in charge of state administration and the Government;
- Supported by the Expert Service of the Administrative District (sort of a small Secretariat);
- Presides over the Council of the Administrative District, whose members are also all mayors and municipality presidents from the territory of that Administrative District.



STR in Serbia – Head of Administrative District

- Tasks:
 - Coordinates activities of district territorial units (DTU) of state administration bodies;
 - Monitors the implementation of directives and instructions issued to them;
 - Monitors the accomplishment of DTU work plans and deals with their working conditions;
 - Monitors the work of DTU employees and recommends initiation of disciplinary procedure against them;
 - Cooperates with towns and municipalities;
 - Etc.



STR in Serbia – Evolution?

- The number of administrative districts and, hence, heads of administrative districts has not been reduced in Serbia;
- Professionalisation and de-politicisation of the post of head of administrative district:
 - He/she is a civil servant in an appointed position;
 - 5 year-long mandate (renewable without renewed competition);
 - Open competition;
 - Clear eligibility criteria;



STR in Serbia – Evolution?

- Minimum eligibility criteria:
 - Higher education diploma;
 - Minimum 9 years of professional experience upon completion of studies;
 - Must pass the state professional exam;



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Thank you for your attention.

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