SUMMARY

Subject matter: Improving the system of performance evaluation of local government (by the example of the Administration of Grachevsky Municipal District of Stavropol Territory).

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Information about customer organization: the Administration of Grachevsky Municipal District of Stavropol Territory.

Topicality of the research: The implementation of administrative reform in Russia is significantly updated by addressing issues related to improving the efficiency of government and local authorities activities in general and improving of quality assessment procedures of local government in particular. The modern practice of evaluating the performance of local governments is based on a set of indicators that reflect the socio-economic development of the area as at the current moment, and the dynamics of change. However, the methodology of effectiveness currently used does not always take into account the significant differentiation of areas in terms of socio-economic development level and the presence of spatial features that help or hinder a fuller use of their potential.

Objective of the research: is to develop theoretical principles and practical recommendations to improve the system of performance evaluation of local governments, including the Grachevsky Municipal District of the Stavropol Territory.

Tasks of the research:
1. to generalize and systematize the scientific approaches to the concepts of "management activities" and "municipal management activities";
2. to consider the specifics of management activities in relation to the system of municipal government;
3. to clarify the nature of the category of "efficiency of municipal management activities";
4. to identify the peculiarities of the application practice of the system of indicators of the effectiveness assessment of the authorities abroad;
5. to analyze the performance indicators for local authorities activities on the example of the Grachevsky Municipal District of the Stavropol Territory and to identify their strengths and weaknesses;
6. to identify ways of improving practice performance assessment of the effectiveness activity of local governments.

**Theoretical and practical significance.** The theoretical significance of the research is to develop a theoretical and methodological framework for assessing the effectiveness of the authorities of municipalities. The practical significance of the research is to develop concrete proposals to improve the system of performance assessment of local governments. Work and findings can be used in the activities of management both of the Stavropol Territory, and Russia as a whole, since the results of studies are a source of information about the situation in the system of municipal governance.

**Results of the research.** The analysis of the current evaluation system of local government has helped to identify a number of problems. A common drawback of this system, according to the author, is the unbalanced scorecard in its assessment as well as the lack of completeness of statistical information relating to public satisfaction with these activities, which in turn leads to the alienation of the last respect to the municipal authorities.

**Recommendations.** General recommendations made by the author, can be reduced to the following provisions:

1. to reconsider the appropriateness of some of the indicators;
2. to make a cadre of trained personnel to monitor of the performance assessment;
3. to set up a committee to collect statistical data;
4. to develop clear financial arrangements for the assessment of the effectiveness of local government;
5. to strengthen the control over the expenditure of funds allocated.

The main, most key areas of improvement are highlighted such as:

1. the development of forms of public feedback, including developed a questionnaire that can be used in the practice of Administration of Grachevsky Municipal District;
2. the implementation of PR-campaign "Creating conditions for the development of local democracy in the Grachevsky Municipal District";
3. the introduction of model of performance assessment of local governments CAF (Common Assessment Framework), in order to ensure effective implementation of which recommended the use of the prepared program of training courses for state and municipal employees in "Improving the quality of management in state and municipal government through the application of the model CAF".