

ABSTRACT**Slavko T.A. The Interaction of Non-Governmental Organizations with Local governments in Ukraine. – Manuscript.**

The thesis subject to domestic political gains of modern science-based analysis of the source base and scientific developments of domestic and foreign researchers described the results of a comprehensive study of political science theoretical and methodological foundations of the interaction of NGOs with local government and proposed the optimal model of their interaction in Ukraine.

Network approach opens the possibility for a qualitatively new model of social and political communication. In this sense, the political network can be interpreted as a model of political self-government and community, which ensures that the relations of NGOs and local authorities the criteria of openness, accountability, trust, coordination of interests and needs of the social environment. This type of relations will promote democratic values of society, confidence in government. Analysis of the main aspects of the interaction of NGOs with local authorities allowed to develop recommendations for cooperation between them, as they have almost similar objectives - to protect the interests and promote welfare.

Key words: authorities, local authorities, civil society, cross-sectoral cooperation, non-governmental organizations, municipal development, the public, regional development, self-government.