

Table 1. Comparing Post-Communist Local Reforms

	Soviet System before 1989/1991	Russia	Lithuania	The Czech Republic and Poland
Intra-Municipal Structure	Council System	Strong Mayoral System	Council System	Council System
Local elections	Small majority system	Small majority system	Proportional system	Proportional system
State/Municipal Relations	Continental	Continental in practice, but the Anglo-Saxon system is idealized in discourse	Continental in both practice and discourse	The division of function between the state and municipalities
What level has become (was) crucial?	The second tier	The former second tier (but the first tier is idealized in discourse)	The former second tier both in practice and discourse	The former first tier (<i>obec</i> and <i>gmina</i>)
Average scale of municipalities	(Large / extremely large)	Large	Extremely large	Small
Territorial reforms	Rare in the USSR, more often in the Czech Republic and Poland	Rare	Rare	Frequent