

Diploma thesis „Paradiplomacy of regions, cases of Burgundy and Central Bohemia Region“ deals with “foreign policy of non-central actors” and the possibilities for regions how to enforce their interest on international level. Key research questions are: What makes regions act abroad, what are the reasons for activities abroad? What is the role of Europeanization and internationalization in the process of development of local actors involved in regional foreign activities? Who is engaged in formulation of regional interests and who is responsible for implementation of regional international strategy? Is there a broader consensus among regional actors on the way how to develop foreign activities? Is the main motor of activity local administration or private sphere? What are the possibilities for action on international level with regard to regional competencies? First, there are examined main features of foreign strategies of regions in question. Then we analyze tools developed for implementation of those strategies. How are the strategies implemented, are they successful? Finally we define main future challenges for action of regions abroad.