

Abstract

The diploma thesis *Europeanisation of Municipalities in the Czech Republic* deals with the effects of membership in the European Union on the administrative structures of selected municipalities. This is a comparative case study of municipalities of various sizes and significance, namely the capital city of Prague, the statutory city of Pilsen and the city with extended powers Pisek. The aim of the thesis is to clarify which institutions in these municipalities manage the European agenda.

The thesis follows three dimensions of the concept of Europeanisation (top-down; bottom-up and horizontal), which allows us to observe this issue from different angles. Research questions follow the logic of these three dimensions and the last research question focuses on comparing the Europeanisation of selected municipalities and identifying differences based on their size. The main source of the information was interviews with officials and politicians responsible for the European agenda in selected municipalities.

The results of the work confirm the theoretical assumption that the size of municipalities has a significant impact on the management of the EU agenda. Financial and administrative capacities, the setting of European funds for the given city and the opinions of local political elites play the role here. In the larger cities of Prague and Pilsen, there are many institutions directly designed to manage the EU agenda at the municipal level and also in the field of promoting interests in the EU. In this respect, the smallest Pisek has the least institutions, but in terms of cooperation with other Czech and foreign municipalities on the EU agenda, Pisek was the most active and used the most forms of this cooperation.