

Abstract

The main objective of diploma thesis „Suburbanization in Central Bohemia Region and its impact on health“ is research of non-coordinated suburbanization in Central Bohemia Region and its relation to health of inhabitants.

There is used an appropriate combination of research methods according to the research objectives and questions (mental maps, actor analysis, public policy analysis, comparison, interviews). It enables understanding of all aspects of the suburbanization process.

Many theoretical concepts are used, eg. determinants of health, urbanism, sustainable development, quality of life or social transformation. The first part of diploma thesis presents health problems caused by urban sprawl. These problems are related to air quality, physical activity, traffic, water quantity and quality, mental health, social capital and health of special populations.

Inquiry identifies roles, interests and behaviour of relevant actors. It proves that current suburbanization of Central Bohemia Region, similar to urban sprawl, may influence health and quality of life of its inhabitants, and brings many negative externalities. Incremental knowledge development and pressure of the European Union leads to changes in public policy and legislation, which was influenced with social transformation and impact on liberalism.