

Social economy is a field, which has really dynamic growth. One of these big parts in social economy is the nonprofit organizations, which have huge potential in this concept. That is why my work takes care about social economical problems in reference to nonprofit organizations, especially social services providers. The dissertation focuses on nonprofit organizations and how they are related into social economy nowadays and how they could be used in a future. The theoretical part stands on study of scientific literature in foreign language. In theoretical part, based on Czech environment, is used my own experience, which I have gained in independent observation in the cooperation with work group NESEA. Plus experience gained during doing project Social Firm development. In practical part are used my own experience also, especially within the activity for project listed above. Farther are used data got out from questionnaires distributed among nonprofit organizations.

Dissertation defines key terms out from social economy field, especially in European and national level. The European context is focused on development of social economy in second half of 20. century and on documents, which support social economy. The Czech environment is focused on the same development in last couple years. It uses the documents important for development of legislative environment. It also catches other important ideas for following development of social economy and its components. Czech environment describes different kinds of social enterprises and it seeks for use of social enterprises – social firms.

Nonprofit organizations in Czech Republic are really interested in social economy and they are interested in concept of social firms. The problem is that those organizations do not have enough skills and knowledge for application model of social firm into Czech environment.