

Abstract

The thesis "Problems of Social Entrepreneurs in the Czech Republic" focuses on analyzing the key challenges and obstacles faced by social entrepreneurs in the Czech context. The theoretical part of the thesis introduces concepts of social economy and social entrepreneurship, along with various theories on the emergence of social enterprises. A key theoretical approach is the theory of social origins, which describes space in which social enterprises can emerge as a set of determinants that can support the formation of these organizations. Through this theory, this thesis presents six influential areas for social entrepreneurship: general awareness, architecture of capitalism, political and legal framework, access to finance and investment, human resources, and the essence of social entrepreneurship. The research in the empirical part is based on qualitative methodology, specifically thematic analysis and interpretation of already conducted and publicly available interviews with experts, social entrepreneurs, and policymakers. Interviews analyze problems of social entrepreneurs, identifying specific challenges that stakeholders associate with the Czech environment, such as historical and cultural factors, the compromise nature of the law on integration social enterprises, the legislative uncertainty of regular social enterprises, and the insufficient appreciation of social contribution. The research results confirm that selected social entrepreneurs in the Czech Republic perceive similar problems mentioned in foreign literature, with some challenges being specific to the institutional and regulatory environment of the Czech Republic.

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