

The thesis deals with the concept of social economy and its practical implementation in the Czech Republic. Not only does it describe the current situation of social economy and social economic subjects in the European Union, but it also deals with the introduction of the concept in the Czech Republic. The practical part of the thesis is concerned with the NAPSI documents and the CIP EQUAL programme. Examples of social economy in practice are shown, and the analysis of these projects provides suggestions for the further development of the concept in the Czech Republic.