

Diploma thesis „Financial resources from the EU as a significant opportunity for small municipalities?“ deals with description of general problems of small rural municipalities in Czech Republic. In connection with these problems my work studies the advantages of enter of The Czech Republic to the European Union.

This work is mainly focused on eventually solving the problems thanks for the money from European funds. The focus topic of my work is the new phenomenon called the Local Action Group (LAG), which is one of the issues of The Program of rural development. This Program is financed by The European Agriculture Fund for Rural Development (the area of The Common Agriculture Policy). The Local Action Group means something like the group of several rural participants from various sectors (it means from the public, private and citizens sector). The target of the actors is the development of their region thanks to the money from European funds.

The subject of the work is to ask the question if the Local Action Group is really the effective way to solve the problems of the Czech small municipalities, or it here are some better and more effective ways to help them. The work is based on the case study of the Local Action Group called Společná Cidlina, o.s.