

## Abstract:

The target of this thesis is to identify and closer analyse the changes in czech-bavarian borderland, which were caused due to accession of the Czech Republic to the Schengen zone. This thesis consists of two parts. In the first one is discussed a possible impact of Schengen zone, which was divided into few sections. It deals with impacts to the cross border contacts, traffic, trade and tourism, security. The second part verifies the validity of these impacts on the selected area trough special methods such as questionnaire and controlled interview. Conclusions confirmed that removal of border controls had deeper impact on the life in the border area. There was confirmed the continuity between accessibility of the position and size of the municipality and between different ways of perception of the Schengen zone and increasing of co-operation inside it. There was observed the different point of view on the side of Czech and Bavarian mayors. Bavarian mayors were characterized by their positive attitude.

Key words: Schengen zone, border area, border control, perception, cross border co-operation.