ABSTRACT:

Master's thesis deals with the regionalisation of the active labour market policy in Czechia. We analyse strategic documents which deal with unemployment and we try to find out to what extent they stress support for certain regions. Then, we examine the mechanism which is used to distribute the money across regions. Further, we study the allocation of money distributed within the Czech national active labour market policy (1998-2009) and within the European programmes realized in 2004-2006. Lastly, we give an overview of the possibilities of regional (local) actors to influence the situation on regional (local) labour market and we recognize that their work can differ across regions.

The results of our study show that despite claims about the need to support the regions which are badly affected by high rates of unemployment and notwithstanding the mechanism which is made in favour of these regions, the funds are not implicitly distributed to regions with the highest rates of unemployment. Our analysis also found out that the most important actor on regional (local) labour market is the labour office and that the role of other actors in merely complementary, although the situation regionally varies.

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