

Abstract

Czech foreign development cooperation represents important part of the Czech foreign policy. It also demonstrates adoption of its own part of responsibility for resolution of current global problems. Together with becoming part of organisations such as European Union or Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development importance of Czech foreign development cooperation is growing. Next to the main goal which is reduction of poverty in third-world countries, development cooperation has also another goals: it is also contributing to construction of good relations with developing countries and it helps ensure economic, security and environmental interests of the Czech republic.

Current system of the Czech foreign development cooperation has grown up from the foundations, which have been lawn before 1989. From that time Czech Republic has made a great effort to improve its system of development cooperation and become an effective and responsible donor. As a key step in the direction of desired changes can be considered process of transformation of the Czech foreign development cooperation, initiated in 2007. Transformation was officially crowned when the Fundamentals documents were adopted. These documents present the Conception of the Czech foreign development cooperation and the Law (Act) of the foreign development cooperation and humanitarian help. During the process of transformation a range of recommendations of the OECD/DAC was consulted. These recommendations are included in the „Special Review of the Czech Republic“ which was created at the request of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the OECD Development Assistance Committee in May 2006. The Review’s main objective was to contribute good practice and lessons learned to the Czech authorities’ internal dialogue on the reform of their foreign assistance at a time of important legal and institutional changes.

The main goal of the diploma thesis was to involve all the changes which were realized during the process of transformation in each of its planes – institutional, legal, conceptual and financial. Despite of achievement really positive changes which have made system of Czech international development more effective there is still a lot of to do. Czech Republic should respect and follow changes in the international system which is permanently changing or concerning changes in development approaches, because new challenges have come all the time and there is still a lot of things to improve.