

Regional Differences in the Support of Entrepreneurship from the Czech Operational Programme Industry and Enterprise and the Slovak Sectoral Operational Programme Industry and Services

Abstract

The Structural Funds are part of the main realization tools for the European policy of economic and social cohesion. Financial resources from the Structural Funds are designed to reduce economic and social disparities between Member States and their regions. This bachelor thesis analyzes the financial allocation of the operational programs to support entrepreneurship in the regions of the Czech Republic and Slovakia in the programming period 2004 - 2006. The aim of the analysis is to determine, whether funds from the European Union were actually directed primarily to economically underdeveloped regions of the Czech Republic, and to compare the results with the situation in the Slovak Republic.

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