

The work analyzes the German economic “defense” associations for support and development of the “economic national possession” in phase of the interwar Czechoslovakia. Their institutional representatives were the so-called “regional associations of Germans”, since 1934 Bund der Deutschen. They represent one of the most important types of the German national “defense” associations. Their importance inheres in their function in the public space, where they supported a gradual ideological and political radicalization on the basis of the confrontation nationalism with the anti-Slav and anti-Semitic context. The research detects one of the most important organizational structures of the German national movement, its ideological basis, strategies and methods for its function. The role of associations like co-builder of national identity comes forth. The work comes to a conclusion, that the analyzed associations significantly co-influenced a formation process of the "Sudeten German identity".