

## **Abstract**

The core of the diploma thesis „*EU Development Cooperation with ACP Countries in Terms of the Regionalism Theory*“ lies in the case study analysing historical evolution of mutual relations and development cooperation between ECC / EU and the ACP group of countries from the Rome treaty to the present day. Analysis is focused on the external features of development cooperation, which was developing together with international treaties defining the principles of collaboration. The research is based on concepts of the New Regionalism theory and focuses on searching connections between developing development cooperation and applied european regionalism. The basic assumption of the hypothesis is, that the development collaboration EEC / EU with ACP countries contains inter alia the fact of regionalism. In the end of case study is the hypothesis verified, but revealed regionalism is not a stable and anchored phenomenon, but a very dynamic one internally. With the application of development cooperation comes an evolution of the shape of european regionalism. That is visible mostly in shifting of priorities of international treaties. EEC / EU puts an increasing emphasis on socio – political requirements which are becoming conditional for the continuing development cooperation, when the economic dimension is seemingly out of focus on the declaratory level.