

Abstract

The activity of local actors and their impact on local development is especially in last years intensively discussed Theme, mainly in relationship with possible using European Structural Funds. The issue of potential using European financial means became actual for Czech Republic in May 2004, when joined this association (however Czech Republic could use some means from PHARE/SAPARD already before). This diploma deals with the activity of municipalities and cities in Joint Regional Operational Program (JROP) in model area of Benešov, Beroun and Příbram districts. It endeavours to find out connections between population dimension, experience with PHARE/SAPARD programs, social capital, geographic aspects and activity of municipalities in this program. This diploma means to analyse also other more subjective factors that have influence integration of municipalities in Structural Funds in controlled interviews with representatives of municipalities and cities. There is also concern in know-how transfer about how to use sources from JROP and level of co-operation between the municipalities together. Due to JROP the municipalities can significantly influence not just their own development, but the development of the whole region.