Abstract: Caretaking in Selected Socially Excluded Areas

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This bachelor thesis “Caretaking in Selected Socially Excluded Areas” deals with the issue of socially excluded areas and an inclusive tool of caretaking studied in three such areas. The present thesis is divided in two parts. The first, theoretical part, explains the background of socially excluded areas. It describes the characteristics of excluded areas and the processes responsible for their formation. Attention is also paid to discrimination on the grounds of ethnic origin as one of the causes of social exclusion. Competences of authorities and the existing tools supporting social inclusion are also described there in terms of such excluded areas, both on the level of national and local government. To conclude, the general part of the thesis mentions specific fields putting the concept of caretaking into wider context and supporting the understanding of this specific tool.

The second part is rather practical. It explains how caretaking works and describes specific examples taking place in three selected areas: the towns of Kadaň, Kolín and Český Krumlov. The author characterizes these excluded areas in brief and describes what the tool of caretaking, its creation, purpose and impact look like there. The described forms of caretaking are compared to conclude the thesis.