

## **Synopsis**

The thesis is focused on what functions are carried out by mother centers as civil society organizations in contemporary society in Pardubice region. Furthermore, the aim of this thesis is to find out how the mother centers as civil society organizations meet functions in contemporary society in Pardubice Region according to the representatives of these centers.

In the theoretical part of this thesis, several theories about the typology of functions in civic sector organizations, are presented and compared. In the research section there are presented findings from qualitative research carried out through interviews with ten representatives of mother centres in Pardubice Region. The results and the goals of the thesis are summarized in the conclusion of this thesis.

### **Key words**

civil society, mother center, participation, innovation, cooperation, community, family