

This thesis focuses on the interaction of poverty and/or social exclusion and the environment. Its aim is to describe different types of this interaction and to show possible interventions of social policy and social work. This thesis provides practical cases of environmental damage which are results of poverty or social exclusion in Europe, for example European regions in decline due to land degradation. This thesis does not bring solutions for these case reports. It focuses on the possible socio-political interventions in different kinds of interactions among poverty and/or social exclusion and the environment, which are based on Czech form of social policy. The interventions presented are, therefore, limited to the European context. Nevertheless, the presented interventions may be useful in certain cases, even in the European context. The chosen overview of interventions is based on the form of social policy which includes education, housing, health policy and policy of social security and employment. This thesis also contains the description of appropriate methods of social work in the interaction of poverty and/or social exclusion and the environment. These are community and social work and anti-oppressive approaches to social work.