

This thesis deals with an analysis of the convergence of the Czech Republic to the first fifteen member states of the European Union. The aim of this thesis is to evaluate different types of resources that are available for the Czech Republic from the European Union and if and to what extent the development levels of the Czech Republic and the EU 15 countries come closer. The first part of this thesis describes resources provided by the European Union to its member states and funds used to their allocation. The second part focuses on drawing of these resources by the Czech Republic. Specifically, the amount of resources allocated to the Czech Republic is described and the ability of the Czech Republic to use them is analyzed. The third part, core of this work, concentrates on an analysis of several fundamental development indicators. Main indicators of both nominal and real convergence are evaluated, as well as the Human Development Index. These indicators are applied on both the Czech Republic and the EU 15 countries, they are compared and the level of the convergence between the two units is evaluated.