This diploma thesis deals with the concept of (unconditional) basic income as a policy instrument and the conditions, costs and possible consequences of its full or partial implementation in the Czech Republic.

The first aim of the diploma thesis is to describe this concept, which is still rather unknown in the Czech Republic, and put it into the context of Public and Social Policy. The diploma thesis describes its alternative models, which are – in certain extent – interchangeable with it as well as the praxis of the basic income in the world.

The author tries to identify the main problems within the system of today’s social policy and with respect to them put forward the main reason for the implementation of the basic income in the Czech Republic. Finally, some models and ways of implementation are presented as well as the estimation of the costs and possible consequences of their implementation.