

Diploma thesis „Competitive, innovative and social secure Finland - a model for the Lisbon strategy?“ deals with the competitiveness of Finland, its roots and policies of the Finnish state that support the competitiveness. The thesis is confronting the results reached by Finland with the goals of the Lisbon strategy. It sums up the socio-economic basis of the Finnish model and the economic crisis it experienced. Further, it analyses the structure of the economy and the competitiveness supporting policies. A case study of projects in Helsinki shows how the model works in practice. A comparison of the Finnish economy in the evaluations of international organizations places the topic in broader context. Concluding, the thesis describes the Lisbon strategy framework and is confronting it with the Finnish model.