

## **Abstract (English)**

The aim of this bachelor thesis is to chart the functioning and working of organizations which are supporting the Dutch language outside the language territory of the Netherlands, Belgium and Suriname, thus in areas where Dutch is not the official language. Particular attention will be paid to the Dutch Language Union, which supports Dutch Studies and teaching of Dutch language around the World. I focus mainly on the functioning of this organization, its activities and projects which are supporting the Dutch language not only in Europe but also in the World. Furthermore, this thesis deals with other organizations such as the Comenius – Association for Dutch Studies in Central Europe and others. The following chapter is focused on the amount of interest in the Dutch language in the World and in the Czech Republic based on the results of international exams. I refer to this topic in the next chapter, which focuses on Dutch in the Czech Republic, study opportunities at Czech universities and interesting projects for Czech students. Because of recent changes in the Dutch Language Union, I've added a brief chapter on the current situation.

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