

Abstract:

The aim of the thesis is an analysis of the non-profit sector and its potential for regional development through the local action groups which is the Chance in Nature acting on the territory of South Bohemia. It is an evaluation of the 2007-2013 programming period.

The theoretical part of the thesis is devoted to NGOs, social capital, partnership and regional development. The empirical part describes a region of the Local Action Group (LAG) and its functioning, further was examined the involvement of NGOs in the activities of the local action group considering a cooperation, partnership, submitting project applications and overall involvement in the activities of the LAG.

Data were obtained by document analysis, interview surveys, and semi-structured interviews. NGO activity has been explored from the manager and LAG members' perspective and NGOs themselves.