Abstract

This master thesis deals with the issue of sustainable diets and the potential of the promotion of sustainable principles in public food procurement. The theme is introduced in broader context of environment, public health, historical development, international influences, significant theoretical approaches and fundamental factors affecting current state of diets and nutrition. The aim of the thesis is to specify universal principles of sustainable diets, which were derived from critical review of scientific literature and other relevant texts. The character of this thesis is dominantly theoretical. Discussing the potential of applying the principles of sustainability from the side of public institutions is the main theme of the second part of the study. The research question is related to the possibilities of local organic food consumption in school food system in Czechia. Main results show problematic combination of the requirements for both organic and local food in the context of the volume of school food demand and relatively small local organic production. In general terms the contribution of this thesis is the introduction of the research issues of geography of food and presenting the possibilities of further research.

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