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## **Abstract**

This diploma thesis deals with measuring the activities of Local Action Groups in the field of social issues. Based on the solution of strategic documents and professional texts and sources offering work, it uses insight into the issue of social exclusion and its individual areas, which are employment, housing, education or indebtedness. It also moves on to the description of strategic materials for the fight against social exclusion, presents the Index of Socially Excluded Localities, which aims to continuously map the endangered locality of social exclusion from ongoing statistical data. It then moves on to the description of considered organizations, ie the Local Action Groups and its tools used in its activities. The last section of the theoretical part of the work deals with community-led development and operational programs.

The above research part helps to a thorough understanding of the issue of social exclusion, which is the central theme of the thesis. The empirical part deals with the evaluation of the activities of Local Action Groups in the field of social issues with the aim to answer the research question: What influence do local action groups have on solving social issues in the territory? Qualitative research and the method of a questionnaire survey were chosen for its answer. This was done with a total of fourteen representatives of Local Action Groups, which fall territorially into an area with a high concentration of socially excluded localities. This survey resulted in the form of real impacts of the activities of the Local Action Groups on the social area in endangered regions. The questioning was focused on areas of perception of social issues, evaluation of the programming period, CLLD strategies, implemented projects, future, the relationship with the municipality/city, own roles and problems.