
Resume

Diplomová práce: Možnosti financování projektů z fondů Evropské unie a jejich právní zakotvení

Thesis: Financing of projects from European Union's Funds and their legal framework.

The presented thesis introduces European funds and options for financing of individual projects and their legal framework. Regional and Structural Policy is one of the major policies of the European Union. Its main purpose is to mitigate the differences between countries and regions within the European Union and bring the disadvantaged regions to more progressive level. Summary of the EU structural policies, their purpose, principals and historical background is provided in the first chapter of this thesis. It also provides an overview of the major tools (structural and other funds) used when implementing the Regional and Structural Policy.

This introduction is followed by a summary of the legal framework of the European funds and the legal basis of the Structural and Regional Policy. The mutually beneficial idea of supporting regions originates from the basic principles of the European Economic Community/European Union recorded already in the main documents of the EEC/EC - the Treaty of Rome and its amendments. Legal framework of the individual funds is represented by rather extensive set of regulations and other documents that were put in place over the last decades. The thesis further provides for summary background of the Phare, SAPARD, ISPA and other funds available in 1990's and in detail analyse the legal framework of the funds available in the preceding (1999-2006) and current (2007-2013) budgetary period and outlines the national legal and administrative framework.

The Czech Republic and the other EU accession countries first enjoyed the benefit of availability of EU support from the Phare and other programmes that started in 1990's. Starting 2004, the Czech Republic has gained unique opportunity to enjoy the resources of the European Regional and Structural policy and use these funds to support its economic and social convergence to the EU levels. Key supported sectors include infrastructure, environment, human resources and employment, research and development and other areas. During 1990 and 2007, the Czech Republic gained from the EUR support programmes funds in excess of CZ 110 billion.

The 2007-2013 period is the first full budgetary period when the Czech Republic can utilise the sources of the European Funds. The funds available to the Czech Republic during this period total to EUR 26.7 billion and will be distributed under 24 operating programmes. With experience from the previous period a number of interesting projects is presented and the applicants are trying to utilise the funds to the largest extent possible.

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