

Abstract

The Czech Banát is an area in Romania where a populous Czech community lives in six typically Czech villages. It has preserved the Czech language, traditions, customs and the way of living for more than 180 years. After the change of the political regime in 1989 many inhabitants have abandoned these villages for Romanian cities or have returned back to the Czech Republic. This research deals with the history of settlement, the development of the size of the population, ways of a living and education in these villages. Based on research made in schools, the opinions and views of the young generation about their future life were explored. Because of the importance of the aid provided by the Czech Republic to this area, it is dealt with in an independent chapter. In the last section, the future of this community threatened by re-emigration is discussed.