

## **Abstract**

This work deals with the issue of governance at the local level in selected municipalities in Ústecký region. Evaluating of governance in selected municipalities is based on analysis of their economy for the period 2002 - 2010. The emphasis is put on the success of municipalities in raising funds and solving problems of this region (unemployment, decline in industrial production, poor educational structure). These facts are confronted with the actual composition of councils and there are investigated differences between the access to the problems of individual municipalities or the governing political parties. Small municipalities are faced with a lack of funds, which leads to significant indebtedness. By contrast large cities are successful in obtaining grants from the EU and can fund various projects. Most of the investigated municipalities invested in building of sports and cultural centres instead supporting the active employment policy.