

Abstract

Bachelor's thesis deals with the Czech-Polish cross-border cooperation in the selected region. The thesis analyzes problems with drawing subsidies from European Structural Funds in the programming period 2007 – 2013. A key part of the work is devoted to the analysis of a particular project undertaken by three partner municipalities and analyzing its impacts on their region. The objectives of this work are to explain the importance of cross-border cooperation, to determine its impact on the communities and the whole region, and to compare existing outcomes of the project with its declared goals and objectives. Based on the expert interviews, analysis of major shortcomings that impede collaboration between municipalities or drawing subsidies from European Structural Funds was carried out. The results show that most errors and shortcomings are of systemic nature, being namely caused by namely financing, lengthiness of processes, bureaucracy and inefficient of use European Funds. In the conclusion, the work suggests solutions to some of the problems. Key finding is that the operational programs promote cross-border cooperation and the regional development in the border areas. Partnerships between communities also has a positive impact on the population and contributes to socio-economic situation of the adjacent regions.