

## **ABSTRACT**

The aim of the bachelor theses „Význam občanských iniciativ na rozvoji města – případová studie nádraží Vyšehrad“ is to find a way how the citizens' initiative are involved in the development of the city, what resources they use and whether their activity is effective. The theoretical part of the theses introduces the basics of the community theory and research of local development, there is also included an explanation of Czech laws about citizens' initiatives and the urban planning process. The research is based on the case study of Vyšehrad station and involved groups. The main methods were semi-structured interviews with involved subjects and also detailed study of documents and newspaper articles. In the research there were identified three main types of initiatives. Members of citywide associations are mainly professionals. They help locals to be able to fight for their neighborhood and be a successful participant of the urban planning process. Local movements are more powerful because of strong identification with local issues and bigger amount of time and energy of its members. But those groups are not established in the city center because they fight against big projects built in the outskirts of the city. Last group can be called citizens' initiative; those are formed by dissatisfied individuals who want to draw attention to the problem. The most effective way of changing the city is by the participation in the urban planning process. Effective ways are also the media coverage of the issue and more public participation.

### **Key words**

community, citizens' initiative, urban planning process, local development, civic participation, Vyšehrad station