Abstract:

The purpose of this document is to present the benefits and activities of the most recent Euro region in the Czech Republic, the Silva Nortica region, which is located on the Czech-Austrian border. An evaluation of the cross-border co-operation has also been conducted within this area. The area is not only considered as a subject for assessment but also as a model area, where both the Czech and Austrian cross-border co-operation is evaluated. The cross-border co-operation projects that are supported by EU funds (ERDF), serve for this purpose. The projects are typically fulfilled using the cross-border cooperation of Phare CBC and Interreg IIIA and also include the Common Fund for Small Projects / Disposition Fund for the period between 2000 and 2006. The projects have helped to identify the locations of cross-border co-operation activities including the validation for both vertical and horizontal aspects within these locations. Further properties of the activities (projects) have been evaluated, such as the cross-border co-operation application / area. The work has also included questionnaires, which were given to the town Council Representatives in the Silva Nortica region, both in the Czech Republic and Austria. The aim of the questionnaires was to establish the view of the Council Representatives with regards to the function and activities, of the Euro region, as well as the cross-border co-operation conducted within it. In conclusion to the work undertaken, a proposal and evaluation of three possible alternatives to the Silva Nortica Euro region, with the results and findings summarized, is provided.