**Abstract** 

The master thesis deals with the area of social circus, which works with groups with risk of

exclusion in the form of creative expression. The aim of the thesis is to map social circus

projects in the Czech Republic and Spain, in relation to the phenomenon of empowerment in

working with groups at risk of exclusion, especially in terms of social circus projects, the way

they work with empowerment and for what purpose and subsequent comparison of gathered

data with existing research and empowerment theories. The thesis therefore offers an insight

into the current state of social circus and its connection with civil society by empowerment of

people at risk of exclusion.

Key words: Empowerment, Social circus, social inclusion, civil society