

## **ABSTRACT**

The main purpose of this thesis was to evaluate the extent to which the Cohesion Policy of the European Union contributes to its climate change mitigation effort. While climate change mitigation and the EU Cohesion Policy have both been theoretically thoroughly studied, it has not been the case of their mutual relation. The objective of this paper is to fill, at least partly, this gap. A specific feature of this research is an analysis of the contribution of the Cohesion Policy to climate change mitigation over a period of 20 years, including a comparison of the three last programming periods (2000-2006, 2007-2013 and 2014-2020). Moreover, the contribution of the Cohesion Policy to climate change mitigation in the EU-28 is compared to the contribution in the Czech Republic. The results of this research suggest that while the beginning of the new millennium saw the Cohesion Policy neglecting the issue of climate change mitigation, the current programming period (2014-2020) placed it among its key priorities. This conclusion is supported by a comprehensive set of data on five selected indicators. Furthermore, this paper displays its results against the perspective of the overall climate change mitigation objectives of the European Union.