

## **Abstract**

The presented diploma thesis outlines the historical development, legislative basis and organization of Czech forest cooperatives as a sadly scarcely mapped fragment of the colorful mosaic of the history of cooperatives. Above all, however, it provides a detailed picture of the thirty-year existence of the Forestry Cooperative of Municipalities residing in Přebyslav near Havlíčkův Brod, which was one of the largest and most successful cooperatives of this category in the Czech lands since the 1930s. It gradually became a model cooperative and a guarantor for other businesses of a similar nature. Source research also allowed small biographical probes and diplomatic examination of official documents arising from the operation of the studied company. The set goal is based on an analysis of archival sources, contemporary press and specialist literature, carried out on the basis of the methodological background of economic history in combination with the use of other historical and statistical methods. The time frame of the integral part of the work is defined by the period 1930–1959, i.e. the period of legal existence of the analyzed cooperative. As far as clarifying the formation of local efforts to establish a cooperative is concerned, the lower time limit is supplemented by facts from the period before the establishment of the first Czechoslovak Republic, i.e. before 1918.

## **Key Words**

history, forest management, forest cooperative, Czech lands, Přebyslav, 20th century