

Abstract

This thesis focuses on the engagement of the Sorbs at the local level. The aim of the study was to determine whether, to what extent, and in what forms the Sorbian minority participates in municipal politics in the Federal Republic of Germany. The evaluation was based on semi-structured interviews, questionnaire surveys, analysis of municipal elections, and media monitoring. The results show that in the studied area, particularly in rural regions, there is a high level of participation of the Sorbian minority at the municipal level. Sorbs in these areas are active in both political and civic platforms. This work thus provides valuable insights into the forms and levels of political and civic engagement of the Sorbs in Germany, and at the same time highlights the importance of their active involvement in municipal politics for the preservation of their cultural identity and the promotion of their interests at the local level.