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## **ROLE NEZISKOVÝCH ORGANIZACÍ V ODVĚTVÍ SOCIÁLNÍCH SLUŽEB V ČR<sup>1</sup>**

**Abstract:** *The paper presents preliminary findings from a three-year (2005–2007) project “The share of non-profit organisations in the provision of selected public services“, supported by the Grant Agency of the Czech Republic and implemented by a team of researchers from the Faculty of Economics and Administration, Masaryk University, and from the Centre for Non-profit Sector Research. The goal of the project was to test the hypothesis that even though almost twenty years have elapsed since the collapse of the centralized communist state, private non-profit organisations can hardly rival public sector providers of public services. The main reason is that the public providers invariably take the legal form of the so-called “subsidised organisation“ (i.e. Government-subsidised quango). These organisations are entitled in law to annual mandatory contributions to their budgets from their founding government departments or agencies, which ruin the even playing field, form other services providers that compete for financial grants from public sources. This situation did not improve after the recent reform of public administration; some renewed hope is being put in the currently on-going standardisation of public services.*

**Key words:** *public sector, public services, social services, non-profit organisations, state budget, regional budget, municipal budget*

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### **Metodologie**

Neziskové organizace byly pro potřeby výzkumu vymezeny v souladu se Satalitním účtem Českého statistického úřadu, který pracuje s všeobecně rozšířenou strukturálně operacionální definicí neziskových institucí Salomona a Anheiera.

Aby bylo možné vyjádřit podíl neziskových organizací v sociálních službách vůči jiným právním formám, byly tyto organizace rozděleny do čtyř skupin: