

activities and drama was held in Nymburk. This festival was held under the auspices of the MEYS, the Czech Commission for UNESCO and mayor of Nymburk. The partner mass media were the Czech Radio 2–Prague and the Pastelka journal. The festival was designed for all kindergartens from the Czech Republic including special and pre-school facilities which take care of disabled children. But it was also beneficial for parents, teachers, professionals and other experts dealing with pre-school education.

F.1.3 Pilsen Region

Curricular Reform

Kindergartens from this region participated in the *MRKVICKA* project of environmental education. As regards education towards health kindergartens organised *2008 Kindergarten Sports Games* in the Pilsen Region, which was the largest sports project in the Czech Republic. The objective of this event was to promote healthy sporting activities, the idea of fair play and Olympic ideas among children from kindergartens. About 15,000 children were involved in the basic level of *2nd Kindergarten Sports Games of the Pilsen Region*. Children competed in their schools and then in district semi-finals. They competed in five disciplines: relay race, sack race, throwing to hit the mark, hurdle walk, and quintuple jump.

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Kindergartens from the Pilsen Regions presented themselves at the republic-wide festival of kindergartens *Materinka* held in Nymburk.

F.1.4 Karlovy Vary Region

Curricular Reform

Prerequisites for meeting SEPs in terms of staffing were favourable for kindergartens in the Karlovy Vary Region as a high percentage of qualified teachers were teaching there. Material conditions of kindergartens have improved. Attention was paid to equipment and the utilisation of school gardens. Conditions for motor activities have also been improved. Furniture is now appropriate, in the majority of cases, for the height of children. The drinking regime and good nutrition were ensured. Kindergartens in the Karlovy Vary Region were also involved in the *MRKVICKA* project of environmental education. The programme *Health*¹³ and the project *Healthy Kindergarten*, inspired by the model programme *Curriculum Supporting Health in Kindergartens*, were implemented in the Karlovy Vary Region. One-off events such as sports days, days for health and events focusing on road safety were organised in the framework of this programme.

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The project for furnishing ‘corners of arts’ was implemented in the Karlovy Vary Region. The project was subsidised by CEZ (a producer and distributor of electricity).

¹³ A long-term programme for improving the health condition of the Czech population – Health for All in the 21st Century. The objective is to considerably decrease deaths caused by diseases of the circulatory system, tumours, and injuries as well as to lower the occurrence of serious diseases and factors which affect them. The means should be the progress made in the prevention of causes and risks of such diseases. The concept of the project *Health* relates partially to the Amsterdam Treaty, which stipulates in its Article 152 the following: “Community action shall be directed towards improving public health, preventing human illness and diseases, and obviating sources of danger to human health”.