

Kindergartens integrating children with SEN created appropriate conditions for their education. Cooperation with special counselling centres (located in Pilsen, Karlovy Vary and in Mariánské Lázně) appeared to be very good. Kindergartens from this region were also present at the *Materinka* festival of kindergartens in Nymburk.

Prevention of Pathological Social Phenomena

Some projects focused on cooperation of basic schools with kindergartens. The objective of such projects was to facilitate adaptation of pupils and the process of socialising. Kindergartens in the Karlovy Vary Region implemented projects of cross-border cooperation with the aim of exchanging both the professional and personal experience of teachers and of actively involving children so that they could get to know the culture and customs/habits of a neighbouring country through games.

F.1.5 Usti Region

Curricular Reform

The goals of the Long-term Objectives of Education in the Usti Region were declared by kindergartens only at a very general level. In half of the visited kindergartens the objectives were not highlighted in concrete steps taken when implementing the strategic goals of school development. The visited kindergartens were involved in projects only minimally but rather they participated with their founders in the programme *Health*. Kindergartens were also engaged in the project *Healthy Kindergarten* (for example the kindergarten in Zatec). The Environmental Education Centre SEVER (NORTH) was the one which implemented the *MRKVICKA* project in the Usti Region.

Gifted Children, Pupils and Students and Children with Special Educational Needs

Some kindergartens in the region, for example the Kindergarten Chomutov and the Kindergarten Louny, decided to participate in the republic-wide project *Materinka* focusing on the development of children's creativity. In total 362 from 24 kindergartens came on 12th and 13th March to participate in the 10th Festival of Kindergartens *Materinka* - Chomutov 2008.

Prevention of Pathological Social Phenomena

Kindergartens in the Usti Region implemented projects of cross-border cooperation - *Keys to Children Smiles*. The projects were organised together with partner kindergartens in Saxony. The aim of these projects was to extend cooperation between partner kindergartens from both sides of the border with a view to improving the cultural, educational and physical development of children and kindergarten teachers, to enhancing conditions for mutual cooperation and to improving communication and, last but not least, to extending current mutual contacts. Children are becoming familiar with the language of children from the partner kindergarten. Teachers from partner kindergartens participate in joint training seminars organised in the framework of projects.

F.1.6 South Bohemian Region

Curricular Reform

During the two years of existence of the *MRKVICKA* project 54 kindergartens from the South Bohemian Region have been involved in it. Projects aimed at developing civil society, supporting rural areas or cross-border cooperation were launched in small