

*School-Profession* (ASP) – improving a diagnostic and counselling system pertaining to the area of education and selection of a future profession. Projects of multicultural education and education towards citizenship developed the legal and civil awareness of pupils, the sense of justice, solidarity and tolerance leading to respect for an ever increasing social and cultural diversity. Projects covering this area were carried out by basic schools in cooperation with regional, national and international NGOs, for example o.s. *Odyssea* - the project *Social education and education towards personality development*; o.s. *Aisis* – the competition *Paragraph 11/55*; o.p.s. *Partners Czech – Law for Everyday* and an international project *Deliberation in a Democracy*; ADRA and *People In Need* – the festival *One World in Ohradni*; the Association for Education Towards Citizenship – the project *To the Roots of Democracy*.

### **Enhancing and Extending Foreign Language Teaching**

Prague basic schools implemented projects leading to improvement in foreign language teaching. Two basic schools in Prague were involved in the *Enhancing Language Competences of Pupils and Teachers and Improving Knowledge of Methods of Qualified Teachers* project. This project was co-financed from the ESF, the state budget of the Czech Republic and the budget of Prague. The Language Basic School of Fr. Plaminkove in Prague organises, within the language preparation, annual one week visits to English families including activities aimed at getting to know new things concerning the history and culture of Great Britain. The school is also engaged in the projects of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports *Linguistic Diversity of the European Union* aimed at the development and verification of curricula for teaching less frequent foreign languages implemented by the Secondary General School, Secondary Technical School and Tertiary Professional School located in Prague 7, Ortenovo namesti (Orten Square).

### **Further Education of Pedagogical Staff and Enhancing Instruction in Information Literacy**

These projects are beneficial with respect to the introduction of pedagogical and didactic innovations in education. Basic school teachers are increasing their education within the project *INOSKOP* (the development of the Prague school network) in which the Prague Pedagogical faculty responded to the needs for the further education of pedagogical staff. The project *SIFE* was used by 55 basic schools in order to improve ICT. An indisputable benefit of the project was improvement of ICT teaching and the use of ICT in the instruction in other school subjects. Another project used by basic schools was the *SPD, Objective 3* aimed at educational processes innovating pedagogical work in different areas (IT, language communication, innovation in teaching, seminars aimed at teaching particular subjects). Interviews with head teachers showed that their functional studies (*A Successful Head Teacher*) had a marked effect in the better management of schools.

### **Enhancing Basic Skills of Pupils and Teachers in the Area of Information Literacy**

After receiving financial support the Municipal Council of Prague 5 started to implement a project organised within the *SPD, Objective 3 – Educational Processes Innovating Pedagogical Work* which is funded from the ESF, the state budget of the Czech Republic and the budget of Prague. Teachers from 13 basic schools in Prague 5 are currently involved in the project.