

did not meet the expectations. The resources purchased cannot be used for regular instruction. CSI found that it would be necessary to include education particularly regarding the new form of school-leaving examination in the plan for future education of teachers as schools are not well informed in this area.

### **F.3.14 Zlin Region**

#### **Curricular Reform**

The *Quality I* project concerning uniform final examinations enabled schools to mutually compare the knowledge and skills of pupils. Secondary schools in the Zlin Region participated in the republic-wide project of environmental education - *M.R.K.E.V.*

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

Projects focusing on professional short term attachments of students in different EU Member States have been beneficial for schools in the Zlin Region for a long period time. Projects are supported by multi-cultural discussions, the promotion of regional identity and European coexistence. A good example may be the *TANDEM* projects of student exchanges organised by the Secondary General School in Uherske Hradiste.

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

Secondary schools in the Zlin Region excellently used projects implemented within lifelong learning and further education. Such projects were developed by more than 50% of SSs in this region. The projects enabled students of secondary schools participate in further education in their respective field of studies (for example *METUD*, *ROZAM*, and *ITUM* projects). On the basis of the Strategy for Financial Education in the Czech Republic a unique project called Finance and Us (the Business Academy of Tomas Bata and the Tertiary Professional Business School in Zlin) was drawn up. Its task is to develop the capabilities of course participants in financial management and banking and to support further options in education in the area of financial literacy. Secondary schools in the Zlin region also used projects pertaining to the area of vocational education, for example *Programming Multiple axis CNC Machines*, *Programming Modern Single-chip Microcomputers in Higher Programming Languages*, *Application of Programmable Logic Fields*, and *AVR Micro-controllers in Automated Technology*. In 2007 and 2008 the Zlin Region, alongside other partners, organised the republic-wide conference “School in a Company – A Company in a School”, the topic of which was the issue of the lack of qualified labour force for trades, requirements of the labour market and searching for solutions.