

## **Abstract**

The study about water towers explains their development in the territory of the Czech Republic. More specifically it deals with water towers of the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, which are studied from perspective of architecture, historic preservation, and urbanism. They are considered in broader context and finally proven to have a rightful place in the history of Czech modern architecture. Special attention is paid to the integration of water towers into contemporary towns. It is presented on real examples of conversion, while it bears in mind the issues of historic preservation and industrial heritage.

## **Key Words**

water towers, industrial heritage, architecture of the 20th century, urbanism, conversion