**Annotation**

This work focuses on the issue of potential legalization of marijuana for recreational use in the Czech Republic in comparison with different experiences from two foreign states of the European Union – Netherlands and Spain.

The work begins with a description of a historical context of cannabis use that is subsequently followed by historic and actual state of legislation in the Czech Republic. The chapter regarding the situation in the Czech Republic is furthermore composed of different opinions of relevant political parties, experts, and public opinion polls. The second part is addressing the historical process and actual state of legalization in Netherlands and Spain that is afterwards also accompanied by the opinions of political parties, experts, and public opinion polls, which are focused on actual problems considering the specific type of legalization in both countries.

This chapter is followed-up by a comparison of the Spanish and Dutch model of legalization and by general summarization of different political and expert opinions across the chosen countries accompanied by the information from the public opinion polls. All the data from the previous chapter are afterwards applied in the final summary of this work, where the comparison of positive and negative aspects of both models are made. In the conclusion, some political arguments are also addressed and they are described in connection with the information found in the public opinion polls. Every chapter in this work is also considering the present state of medical marijuana use since this issue is closely connected to the recreational use itself and medical cannabis is the first and only type of legal cannabis consumption that can be currently encountered in the Czech Republic.