

Abstract

The goal of this Bachelor thesis was to examine the importance of two German-Czech European Battlegroups with regard to German-Czech security relations. This thesis is concerned with the mutual security cooperation of both countries since 1990. It reveals a dynamic development in the bilateral relationships, especially a conciliation with the past, which has been a precondition for later successful cooperation. Differing historical experience projected into an attitude of both states towards their armed forces, which is noticeable until the present day. The thesis further analyzes the German role during the NATO enlargement in 1999 and discusses the military cooperation of the Czech Republic with the Federal Republic of Germany both in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union. The main emphasis is placed on the concept of European Battlegroups and its practical realisation in four particular examples: Czech-Slovak (2-2009), the first German-Czech (2-2012), the first Visegrad (1-2016) and the second German-Czech (2-2016) European Battlegroups. The thesis does not marginalize current developments and therefore in its conclusion focuses on the planned creation of the second Visegrad (2-2019) and the third German-Czech Battlegroups (2-2020). The data mainly comes from numerous publications in foreign languages, as well as secondary internet sources, an important resource considering how relatively „young“ the topic is from a historical perspective. Based on detected information it is possible to say that common EUBG of Czechs and Germans have been positively evaluated, which confirms a continuity in this project. The work is written in the German language.