

## **Abstract**

### **Liberalization of postal services in the European Union and its implementation in the Czech Republic**

This theses focuses on the liberalization of postal services in the Czech Republic. The main goal of this thesis is the analysis of Czech legislation transposing the respective legislation of the European Union and its critical evaluation. By this also the analysis and evaluation on the state of the liberalization of the Czech postal market is performed.

The first chapter sump up the development of regulation of postal services on the territory of today's Czech Republic prior to the year 2000, the second chapter is focusing on the time period between the years 2000 and 2012.

The focus of the third chapter lies on the key aspects of the liberalized postal market after the year 2000 – the compensation fund, the issues of universal services, the financing of universal service and the concept of net cost.

The fourth chapter makes the reader familiar with the concept of access to the postal infrastructure and explains how this access works, is used in everyday life and also addresses its problems.

Within the fifth and last chapter of the theses the main reasons preventing the (further successful) liberalization of the postal market are discussed, these being the value added tax exemption for universal service and the failure abide cost oriented prices for universal service. Towards the end of the chapter, based on the information and knowledge gather in the theses, suggestions de lege ferenda are presented, these suggestions might contribute to the complete liberalization of postal services in the Czech Republic.

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Liberalization, post, cost