

## Abstract

Master thesis “Effort sharing as a legal measure of climate protection” strives to give a comprehensive account of the key characteristics of the effort sharing system, which is one of the two principal EU mitigation tools of the EU. In order to provide a better insight, the thesis first discusses the topic in context of economic theory and international law on climate. The thesis itself is divided into four chapters. First chapter defines the object of climate regulation i.e. greenhouse gases their production and the legal framework of their measuring and accounting. Second chapter focuses on the economic background of climate regulation and it compares different theoretical approaches with existing regulation in force on international and European level. Third chapter gives basic account of the international framework of climate law and specifically on the international mitigation obligations of the EU, which are relevant for the EU law. Fourth and final chapter describes the main aspects of the effort sharing system in contrast to the EU ETS. It draws mainly from the Decision no. 406/2009/ES, which is currently in force and the Regulation no. 2018/842, which will shape the effort sharing system for the 2021 - 2030 period. In four sub-chapters it focuses on the definition of regulated emission sources, extent of the individual national mitigation obligations, flexible mechanisms and compliance. The thesis concludes with discussion on the weaknesses of the current system and it proposes certain modifications *de lege ferenda*.