

## **Legal regulation of the NATURA 2000 network**

### **Abstract**

The aim of the diploma thesis is to analyse the legal regulation of the Natura 2000 network, namely its creation and its subsequent protection. Natura 2000 is the network that primarily serves to the protection of biodiversity on the territory of the selected protected sites, which is created by the member states of the European Union on their territory. The creation and the protection of the Natura 2000 network are based on two major regulations of the secondary EU law, specifically Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the conservation of wild birds and Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora. To achieve the most comprehensive analysis of the legal regulation were used five main chapters, into them is the thesis divided.

The first chapter introduces the concept of Natura 2000, it describes the purpose of this network and also the principles on which it is based. The second chapter describes the international legal regulation in relation to the Natura 2000 network, this chapter contains the list of international agreements that are also focused on the nature protection and with that they present the basis for Natura 2000 network. The third chapter relates to the EU regulation, where the two mentioned directives are analyzed and at the same time the problems that may arise by the creation of the network are outlined. The main fourth chapter contains the Czech legislation of the network, deals with the implementation of directives and the declaration of Sites of Community Importance and Special Protection Areas on our territory, and finally mentions the common provisions concerning both types of sites. The last chapter briefly describes the legislation of the Natura 2000 network in Austria, based on the state organisation and the state administration, declaration of Natura 2000 sites, assessment of national systems of special nature and landscape protection and the management of this network.