

## **Abstract**

The master's thesis is concerned with the appointment of the European Commissioners and their political and professional background of the Colleges from 2004 – 2019, therefore after the Eastern enlargement. Based mainly on the credible commitment and the principal – agent logic, the author of this thesis conducts, firstly, a qualitative analysis is conducted where the Commissioners are mainly divided to 4 groups, namely those from big member states, small member states, old member states and new member states. Those are further given characteristics based on their membership in the establishment of their home country, having an expertise connected to the portfolio, being a higher ranking official with European experience or being a member of the government of their home member state. Furthermore, a qualitative case study of the Czech Republic and France is conducted. The main result of this thesis is that most of the newly appointed Commissioners are nominees that have a background in the establishment and the government of their home member state.