

## **Abstract**

The thesis focuses on discussing the appropriate institutional arrangements for science and research policy at the national level from the perspective of stakeholders and experts in the governance of this field. The aim is to find out what model of institutional arrangement and governance of this public policy is considered appropriate by the addressed representatives of actors and experts and what arguments they use to legitimise this view and the chosen governance model. In terms of theoretical anchoring, the thesis relies on the theory of legitimacy focusing on the public policy environment and the concept of institutional field defining in the field of public policy governance the relations and interactions of a higher number of actors involved in decision-making on a certain issue. The analytical part of the thesis is based mainly on the implementation of an expert investigation using the Delphi method, preceded by an expert double interview to identify the main issues to be addressed in the current system of science and research policy in the Czech Republic. From the conducted research, it is possible to identify the main advantages and disadvantages of the Czech system of management of this policy, the diversity of opinions on the position of some actors (the Government Council for Research, Development and Innovation and the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic) and the search for a suitable model of its management in terms of the potential establishment of a separate ministry for this agenda, the refinement of the current state or the need to open a broad expert discussion on the topic of how the field of science and research should be managed in the Czech environment. By thematically grouping the opinions of the interviewed actors, the paper clarifies the discussion on the issue of science and research governance in the Czech environment in relation to the current nature of the system or the current legislative framework.