

The aim of the thesis is to analyse the Europe-wide banking supervision. The thesis points out the existing problems and shortcomings of the current framework, analyses mutually competitive proposals for change and possibility of their implementation. It incorporates the appraisal of currently proposed legislative changes prepared by the European Commission and their impact in this context.

Despite a very narrow focus of the thesis, it is characterized by a holistic approach. The topic of banking supervision at the level of the European Union is considered in a much broader institutional context, in the context of the integration of the banking sector during the past 30 years, and the latest financial crisis, as well. The thesis is evolutionary. It points out that there is no institutional form of efficient banking supervision. The process of institutional change, leading to the achievement of efficient supervision of the banking sector, is perceived rather as a long-run, in-depth process. It follows institutional changes in a much broader context than that of the banking supervision itself.