

## **Abstract**

The subject of this thesis is the legal regulation of domain names in the European Union. This topic has been conceived as follows. Initiative chapters of this thesis are focused on defining the concept and importance of domain names, their structure and their types. Consecutively, the thesis deals with domain names from a legal point of view. The main focus in this work is given to .eu Top Level Domain (.eu TLD), which is described in terms of circumstances and reasons for its implementation, institutions performing responsibilities in area of .eu TLD, the process of domain names registration, relations between incident entities, providing protection of rights of incident entities and the actual .eu TLD usage statistics of the Member States of the European Union .

Regulation (EC) No 733/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 874/2004 have been used as the main source for writing this thesis. Also rules issued by the competent institutions on the basis of Regulations (EC) No 733/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 874/2004 have answered for important source of information as well as particular decisions of ADR Arbitration Center for Internet Disputes.

The thesis represents a relatively comprehensive elaboration of .eu TLD, especially of the particular stages of phased registration process, rights and obligations of entities eligible to register .eu domain names, domain name disputes and the ADR proceedings. At the same time, this thesis reflects the importance and topicality of domain names as an indispensable part of today's world.

**Key words** - eu TLD, domain name, domain name registration