

This thesis provides analyses of universal services in telecommunication; their meaning, approach in different countries, composition, legislation and possibilities of financing at the Europe Union level. In the first part of this work „universal service“ is presented, it's definition, ways of financing this service and its components. EU legislation related to universal service is also discussed in this part. The second part of this work focuses on comparing the different approaches of EU members to universal service. In the following two chapters there is an analyses of related low compounds of universal service and methods of financing it in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Following chapter talks about broadband as a possible new element to be included into the concept of universal service. In the conclusion, perspective of the future and results of this work are presented. Universal service is not valued in lots of countries, as regulation of telecommunications is cut down and involving broadband in universal service would be meaningless with respect to the almost perfect covering of the European Union. The aim of this bachelor thesis is the provision of a global outlook to the issues of universal service and analyses of it's components in the European Union.