

## **Summary**

The topic of this diploma thesis is copyright protection of databases. The aim of the thesis is to describe and introduce databases and their legal protection due to their role as essential tools for the location of required information. The thesis contains analysis of legislation in European Union and the Czech Republic and includes brief analysis of legislation in Finland. The thesis consists of five chapters.

The first chapter deals with the term database, classification of databases and illustrates basic foundations for database protection. The second chapter is divided into two subchapters and characterises the legal protection of databases in European Union. The first subchapter is concerned with the legislation process and adoption of the directive on the legal protection of databases starting with the Green Paper in 1988 and ending with adoption of the directive in 1996. The second subchapter analyses this directive in more detail, describes the main terms and institutes and explores the two-tier system of legal protection of databases introduced by this directive.

The third chapter presents legislation in Finland with regard to the exchange studies of the author of the thesis and outlines the catalogue rule as a traditional element of Scandinavian law. The fourth chapter is divided into three subchapters that examine the legislation in the Czech Republic. The first subchapter illustrates basic terms, the second subchapter deals with copyright protection and the third subchapter is concerned with a right for the maker of a database.

Last chapter describes the evaluation of the directive on the legal protection of databases that was published by Commission in 2005.

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