

Abstract

The aim of the thesis entitled 'Changes in the visa policy of the Czech Republic after accession into the Schengen Area' is the outline and summary of changes that occurred in the area of visa policy of the Czech Republic after accession to the Schengen Area. You will also learn how these changes affected the citizens from other countries, who travel to the Czech Republic for a visa or visa waiver, and to what extent the adoption of the Schengen acquis affected their stay on the Czech territory. The thesis focuses primarily on short visits. Rules for long stays remained the responsibility of particular states and thus are not harmonized within the European Union. It should be noted that the adoption of the Schengen acquis for holders of long-term visas and residence permits holders modified the travel opportunities in the Schengen Area. The introduction of the thesis presents the rules of common visa policy that the states within the Schengen Area apply. Subsequently, the thesis deals with the implementation of the Schengen standards into the visa policy of the Czech Republic and how the adoption influenced the issuing of visas. In conclusion, the impact of the accession to the Schengen Area on specific cases is presented through case studies. Ukraine is listed as a country with a visa requirement, the United States of America as a country with a visa waiver.