

Abstract

The aim of this bachelor thesis was to critically examine the impact of the EU membership on the economic diplomacy of Slovak Republic. The research is based on the analysis of strategic documents of economic diplomacy of SR and official statements of its main representatives. The analytical part of this thesis was preceded by a theoretical section that explained and fixed the meaning of the terms such as Europeanisation and economic diplomacy. This was followed by a short introduction to the economic diplomacy of SR. In the selected documents, the changes in terms of the economic diplomacy of SR were examined on three different levels. Firstly, the exploration of the strategic level of the economic diplomacy was conducted, which elucidated the trends of the development of the economic diplomacy. Subsequently, the tasks of the economic diplomacy were clarified. Last but not least, the pressure on the institutional changes in the organisation of the country's representatives of the economic diplomacy was monitored. The thesis examined changes in the selected areas in chronological order with the emphasis on the period of the EU membership of SR. The impacts of the Europeanisation of the economic diplomacy of SR were tracked on the basis of the typology introduced by Tanja Börzel. As a result of this methodological examination I can clarify that the changes in terms of the economic diplomacy of SR were insignificant and in accordance with the strategic interests of the country.