

## **ABSTRACT:**

This rigorous thesis analyzes in detail the legislation relating to the territorial nature and landscape protection and that of the European and Czech perspective. The thesis describes the legal sources of European nature and landscape protection from the most general point of view, with focus on certain articles of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and EU Action Programs, including the new EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020. The thesis also refers to the historical development of nature and landscape protection in the Czech lands to the present. It also describes general and special territorial protection in the Czech legal system, included especially in Act No. 114/1992 Coll and analyzes various legal instruments of nature and landscape protection.

The thesis describes the European law (Habitats Directive 92/42/EEC and Birds Directive 2009/147/EC, also judgments of the European Court of Justice) and Czech legal sources concerning the Natura 2000 network, and evaluates the success of the transposition and implementation of the Directives in Czech law.

In conclusion of the thesis there is used the comparative method to compare Czech legislation relating to Natura 2000 with the special territorial protection and author highlights the differences between them. Two chapters of the thesis are dedicated to legal liability in the nature and landscape protection and to organizational structure of nature conservation authorities, which both are topics closely related to the focus of the thesis.

The thesis also evaluates the appropriateness of legislation and suggests its possible improvements, from the author's point of view.