

As the name suggests the thesis deals with the articles of a housing association. Articles are the constitution of a housing association and the most important internal housing association's regulation. This constitution should complement the statutory provisions related to a housing association. It specifies the structure of a housing association, name, registered office, statutory bodies and their competences, scope of business, constitution and termination of a membership etc. The condition of the validity of the articles of association is its written form. The thesis consists of 6 chapters. Each chapter examines the articles of a housing association from specific perspective and also brings author's view on the articles.

First chapter provides a brief picture of the beginnings of cooperatives in the world, including the housing associations. In the second chapter the development of legal provisions of articles from mid 19th to 90' of the 20th century is stated. The second chapter is divided into 5 chapters. The third chapter deals with a general introduction to the cooperatives. There are discussed the principles of the cooperatives, the term of housing of association and legislation. It also describes different types of housing associations in the world. This chapter is composed of 8 parts. The following two chapters analyze the articles of a housing association itself. The fourth chapter concentrates on articles of housing association in general. You can find here obligatory and optional provisions of the articles which are in detail analyzed from the perspective of legal theory, practice and case law. In other parts of the thesis the validity and acceptance of the articles are discussed. This chapter composed of 6 subchapters. The next chapter is especially related to the articles of a housing association. It shows its practical importance, deals with the term housing association and many issues that the practice brings are discussed. Not only the opinions of the legal theory practice but also the case law is provided. This chapter is divided into 2 sections. Finally, the sixth chapter concentrates on the new legislation stated in the new legal statute – law of commercial cooperations and cooperatives. This chapter refers to the advantages but also to the disadvantages of the new legislation. This chapter contains 2 subchapters.