

The present work deals with an ancient and new-old legal institution of inheritance contract in actual private law. Inheritance contract (*pactum successorium*) was in the Czech legal order in the 50s of the last century as a traditional historical institute of inheritance law, and was conceived as the strongest inheritance title; its conclusion was nevertheless permissible only between husband and wife or fiancé. The mentioned problems began again to be relevant in the context of the government's draft of Act no. 89/2012 Coll., Civil Code (hereinafter the Civil Code), for the approval of the Chamber of Deputies took place on November 9th, 2011. The re-codification represents a return of inheritance contract to the Czech succession law, but it has also brought a number of other major institutes that current regulation for a long time neglected or did not even know. Institute of inheritance contract emphasizes the will of the testator, to whom gives another opportunity to arrange his property in case of death (*mortis causa*). Its peculiarity is that it combines both elements: the last will (testamentary nature) from which it has developed and elements of the contract (contractual nature).