

## **Abstract**

Bachelor thesis *Common transport policy: the Reforms of European Railways* focuses on reforms of the railways that European Community has introduced since its foundation. The thesis is devoted particularly to the development during last two decades. The text analyses the causes of decline in volume of the railway transport and its structural difficulties. The European Community did not cover the Common transport policy effectively at that time, thus member states had to solve the problems their own way. Therefore, firstly national models of the reforms are introduced. These models were the pattern for the new coming European reforms. The crucial moments, which had formed the Common Transport Policy, are emphasized. The European legislative is analyzed in the thesis. The primary aims of Common Transport Policy have been: formation of the internal market, revitalizing and liberalization of railways and harmonization of technical standards. The thesis analyses the effectiveness of the Common Transport Policy. The conclusion of the text is that the policy is not in place globally; however some member states demonstrated slight improvements. The different approaches among EU members cause the decrease of the policy's efficiency.