

## **Abstract**

The region of the Central Europe can be seen as a natural geographic region. Its importance, however, is not so natural and simply definable in terms of geopolitics. The part and the importance of this region have changed due to the important international events since the beginning of the international relations. For some time, the region had a strong influence on other European countries, as well as was playing a prominent part in formation of the international relations. However, there were also periods when the geopolitical concept of "Central Europe" practically didn't exist, or at least the influence of this area was almost null.

Therefore, with the transformation of the basic pillars of international relations as well as international system itself from the Westphalian system to the post-Westphalian system it can be expected also a change in the overall role and influence of the Central Europe in the European context. This paper attempts to analyse the difference in the position of the Central European region in terms of its role and influence on the surrounding European states in the Westphalian and post-Westphalian system.