

## **Abstract**

Diploma thesis “*Achievements of Czech and Belgian presidencies in EU environmental policy area in comparative perspective*” deals with the presidency of the Council of the European Union. Specifically, this qualitative comparative case study draws a comparison between the achievements of first Czech presidency in 2009 and latest Belgian presidency in 2010 in the area of environmental policy.

High level of measures in this field represents one of the important characteristics of the European Union in this period of time. Despite the fact that both examined presidencies took place during the economic crisis, they could not forget to deal with environmental problems in order to maintain the EU's leading position in environmental policy and related issues.

## **Keywords**

European Union, Environment, EU Environmental Policy, EU Presidency