

My diploma thesis “French European policy in the period 2007 – 2009” deals with analysis of the current role of France within the European structures during the period of time defined by the election of Nicolas Sarkozy as President of the Republic and the appointment of the government of François Fillon. At the beginning of the 1990’s the international environment had radically changed, not only due to the disintegration of the Communist bloc, but changes also turned up because of the acceleration of global processes. New types of threats occurred, the capacity and power of states on the global level transformed and the changes reached also the internal structures of the European Union. In the course of 12 years, 15 new countries entered the EU and also the significance of other actors in the internal processes increased. The main aim of the thesis is to describe the gradual adaptation of the chosen Member State to the changes mentioned above. As the overall aim of my work I would like to prove that France is forced to cooperate with other Member States, institutions and other actors in a more open way, because its political leaders are unable to achieve its interests independently. To confirm this hypothesis, I will analyse the impact of European procedures on the internal mechanism of the French political system and carry out a study of the behavior of France in the European Union and of its methods of communication with actors at supra-national, national and sub-national level.