

## Abstract

The Czech Republic is a country of a great number of historical sights. To protect them, the system of state preservation care has been established, the part of which are the Czech Ministry of culture, the Regional Councils' and Municipalities' with extended scope of authority Branches of Historical Sights Care and the National Historical Sights Institute. Nevertheless, the problem is that despite existing extensive system of state historical sights care there are cases of protection failure and progressive devastation and extinction of many cultural sights. The similar failures occur in Poland and Slovakia as well. The objective of this diploma thesis is to find out whether the present system of the sights care in the Czech Republic and comparable systems in the neighbouring countries – Poland and Slovakia secure the sufficient care of the cultural heritage, or if there are alternatives in organization of this area of the state administration. Subsequently, according to the available information it will be considered which of the systems of the state sights care seems to be the most suitable and effective for the defined role and at the same time the potential risks that can be caused by the particular systems will be identified. The following methods are used in my diploma thesis: *Comparing* – based on legislation, the systems of organization of the state sights care in the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia are compared. *Case studies* – on several cases of the sights protection failure the typical cases of such failures are demonstrated and I am trying to find out why they occurred. *Interviews* – by holding structural interviews with representatives of the state sights care in the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia I am investigating how these systems work, what the range of the protection failure is, what problems the individual representatives see while performing their duties and the possible causes of the protection failure are trying to be identified. On the basis of the gathered pieces of information the organizational scheme of the individual systems are assessed, focusing on finding pros and cons of each of them. In the conclusion I am trying to indicate measures that if taken, the performance of the system of state sights care in the Czech Republic would be improved.