Abstract

The main goal of my work is to determine which factors were the most important in process of ratification of Treaty of Lisbon in Czech Republic and in Slovakia. The length and the complexity of ratification were quite different in both countries. My work is based on concept saying that foreign policy of Czech Republic and Slovakia was given by domestic and foreign policy factors.¹ In Slovakia it was mainly the determination to change suverenistic foreign policy of former prime minister Vladimír Mečiar. On the other hand in Czech Republic politics were convinced that Czech Republic belongs to Europe and so they can dare to criticize EU’s decisions. After analysis of stances of all important political parties in both countries, I can conclude, that concept I am using, is applicable also to the process of ratification, and therefore it was also the main reasons of different length and complexity of ratification.

¹ Petr Druľák, Michal Kořan a Jan Růžička, „Außenpolitik in Ostmitteleuropa“, Osteuropa 58 (červenec 2008): 139-152.