

The diploma thesis “Pillars of European Energy Policy“ complexly describes the development European energy policy since the foundation of European Coal and Steel Community up to the approval of the European Council Action Plan - Energy Policy for Europe. The first part is devoted to institutional status of the energy policy, studies its delimitation within the Community, presents partial policies of the energy sector, such as the increase of energy efficiency policy and, mainly, introduces the individual pillars of the European Energy Policy, by which is meant the internal energy market, external EU policy connected with ensuring energy supplies and environment protection and support of renewable energy sources. The following sections are therefore concerned with the individual “pillars” of the Energy Policy, as well with liberalization of the energy sector on the EU internal market, its development and with the new legislative proposal of the Council and its alternatives. Furthermore, we focus on problems related with supplying the Union countries and on provisions that provide stability and safety of energy raw materials supplies, such as regional politics and construction of new transition capacities. The last part is devoted to climate protection instruments, which include support of the renewable energy sources, emission permits trading and the Strategic Energy Technology Plan.