

The subject of the thesis "Interpretation and application of foreign law in the Czech Republic" has been chosen by the thesis' author for its topicality, considering that the research of this topic is one of the classical topics in private international law and it has a long tradition in the Czech Republic.

The diploma thesis concerns itself with the selected questions of the treatment of foreign law before Czech and French courts where a considerable part of the thesis is dedicated to the practice of the courts; special attention is then paid to the ways to determination of the content of the foreign law.

The starting point is the role of the conflict rules that defines the applicable law and the answer to the question relied with the situation where a conflict rule refers to a foreign law. Whether the judge or the arbitrator is obliged to apply this law and whether he is to ascertain the contents of the laws. Furthermore, in this first chapter the author confronts the approach of the Czech law with the French one, not only from practical perspective. She also addresses some specific questions, in particular the question whether the treatment of foreign law is a matter of procedure or conflicts and the consequence of this.

In the second chapter the author inquires into the application of conflict rules in judicial and arbitral proceedings, *pari passu* in relation to public authorities, notaries and parties. Can we expect the same approach of the decision-making subject when it comes to mandatory conflict rule? The author focuses on the principles of the treatment of foreign law.

In the third chapter the author analyzes what are the methods of its application and she pursues the various topics as the European Convention on Information on Foreign Law, the European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration, the bilateral contracts, the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters, the juridical atlas and also she looks into the relevance of expert opinions (ex. Max Planck Institut für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht, Institut suisse de droit comparé, Unité de droit international privé de l'Université Libre and others).

In order to create the thesis, various sources have been used, the Czech and the international sources (such as Valencia Report and Lausanne Report that need to be discussed further) and those published on paper and the electronic sources, periodicals and also the legal regulation as well as the relevant judicial decisions.

The thesis aims to offer an insight into the current issues regarding the application and the interpretation of the foreign law, to offer a comparison with French legal regulation and to point out the probable problematic and controversial issues (and also to suggest the possible solutions) currently very important within the EU and internationally. In this contribution the author attempted to emphasize the positive and negative aspects of the treatment of foreign law.