ABSTRACT

The network Natura 2000 represents a system of nature protection areas, which were established to protect and conserve European biodiversity of wild fauna and flora. This master thesis copes with the legal aspects of implementing European directives in relation with the Natura 2000 network into the national legal systems. A comparison was made between two EU-member states, the Czech Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. The master thesis is divided into 7 chapters including the introduction and the conclusion. In the chapter 1, the subject and aims of the thesis are explained, as well as the brief history of nature conservation. Development of nature conservation in International and European law is introduced in the chapter 2. The chapter 3 focuses on legal basis of Natura 2000 regulations on European law level. Essential parts of the master thesis are the chapters 4, 5 and 6, which describe how the network was established through site designation, how the protection and site management is ensured and what assessment of plans and projects means. The law system of Saxony was chosen as an example to display some partial distinctions between the federal law level and the federal state law level in Germany. The chapter 7 consists of the conclusion and comparison between the legal regulations in both mentioned member states.