

Abstract

The topic of this thesis is rights of passengers under European private law. This issue is important for most people, since there is continuous expansion in travelling. Although passengers have quite extensive rights, they are often not aware of what they are entitled to during travelling. Therefore it is necessary to try promoting awareness of passengers about the rights which they have.

One of the aims of this thesis is to create a comprehensive overview of rights of passengers in rail, road, water and air transport under European private law and to analyze some of the problematic provisions of the relevant EU regulations. Another aim is to compare regulations of individual modes of transport, in particular with regard to air transport, which seems to be the most widely regulated one, and to find out whether there could be uniform regulation for passenger rights in all modes of transport.

In addition to introduction and conclusion, this thesis is divided into five chapters further divided into subchapters, while the first chapter serves rather as the basis for the next chapters and besides the definition of the term “passenger” introduces the sources governing passenger rights along with other non-binding documents created by the European Parliament and the Commission. The second to the fifth chapter are devoted to each mode of transport. Due to the limited scope of the thesis, in this section I focus particularly on the relevant EU regulations, which also process international treaties to which the EU has acceded, and in which the fundamental rights mentioned in the first chapter are regulated, with regard to the differences between each mode of transport. Since the most regulations allow member states to set out exemptions from its scope for certain types of transport, the Czech legislation on passenger rights is briefly discussed as well. The conclusion of this thesis contains summary of the gained knowledge and a proposal of possible improvements of the situation.