

Abstract

The present rigorousum thesis ponders the issues of organizing of sport financing in the Czech Republic and in selected European countries. The issue at hand is very recent, not only due to the existence of new central administrative office, but also due to the attention of media, which is increasingly focusing on the financing of sport in the Czech Republic.

The present rigorousum thesis is divided into 5 chapters. Firstly, I deal with the state administration in the field of sport and the tasks of individual subjects. I present a new central administrative authority with the power to support sport, namely the National Sports Agency. In this study I also describe the legal regulation of sport support and its practical functioning. Since, organizational support of sport derives its power from legal regulation and individual powers of central administrative authorities. In the second chapter I deal with public and private sources of support for sport. I explain in detail the pitfalls of the subsidy procedure, which the applicant must go through when obtaining subsidy funds, and I propose a more effective solution. I also deal with the former sports financing structure sourced from lottery capital and the issue of sponsorship agreements in the private sector. In the third chapter I describe the role of the European Union in the field of support for sport. Subsequently, in the forth chapter I follow up with a detailed explanation of public support in the field of sport as a whole.

This rigorousum thesis is the first thesis that seeks a comprehensive analysis of the support of sport in the Czech Republic. Emphasis is also placed on compliance with European Union law, especially in relation to the public support. My current employment role has provided me with an insider perspective into the mechanics of administering the requests for notifications submitted to the European Commission and cooperation with the Office for Protection of Competition. The topic of sport and state aid is largely neglected by the legal regulations, rarely a topic present in decisions made by the European Commission or case law, giving the providers and applicants for such aid a wide leeway in interpretations. The study includes problematic aspects of such processes and offers potential solutions. Finally, in the fifth chapter, I describe and compare the support of sport in selected European countries, namely France, Finland and Slovakia.

The present study evaluates the current system of sport financing in the context of legislation of other countries from a theoretical and practical point of view. De lege ferenda considerations

on the given issue are presented, including possible suggestions that focus on the future legal regulation inspired by foreign legal regulations.