

## **ABSTRAKT (EN) - LEGAL REGULATION OF .EU DOMAIN**

The subject of this thesis is the legal regulation of the “.eu” top level domain (.eu TLD). The opening chapters of the thesis focus on defining the concept and establishing the importance of domain names, together with their structure and various types. The thesis then goes on to consider the issue of domain names from the point of view of the Czech legal system. The thesis discusses the circumstances and reasons for the implementation of the .eu TLD and looks at the duties and responsibilities of those institutions responsible for its maintenance, the process of registering a domain name, relations between the entities involved (e.g. domain name holders or applicants for domain names and registrars), the protection of the rights of such involved entities and current .eu TLD usage trends (in particular, among EU member states).

Regulation (EC) No 733/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 874/2004 are the main source materials for this thesis. However, rules issued by the competent institutions on the basis of Regulations (EC) No 733/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 874/2004 - as well as certain rulings made by the ADR (the arbitration centre for Internet disputes) - have also served as an important sources of information.

The thesis offers a relatively comprehensive look at the .eu TLD, and especially the various stages of the registration process. The thesis also examines domain name disputes, certain stages of ADR proceedings, and the rights and obligations of those entities eligible to register .eu domain names. At the same time, this thesis explains the importance and relevance of domain names in today's world.