

ABSTRACT

The very purpose of the thesis is to describe and give the legal analysis of the European Citizens' Initiative, which is the new part of European law. Subject matter of the first part of this thesis is deeply discussed democratic deficit in relation to citizens' initiative, which is followed by description of the direct democracy in Swiss Confederation and Slovakia. Introducing of main events and documents leading to the final EU regulation is also part of this thesis. The most important part is thereafter analysis of admissibility conditions of the citizens' initiative, necessary requirements and procedural rules while applying the regulation mentioned above. Significant attention is also paid to the role of the EU Commission, particularly when registering the citizens' initiative according to the regulation and potential consequences of non-registering. In addition, thesis deals with the nature of citizens' initiative and its relation to the EU Commission.