

Abstract

This diploma thesis is dedicated to the European Commission's project known under the name Single European Sky which pursues an objective to reorganize the current European airspace structure for the more efficient provision of air navigation services purposes. As an introduction, the author sets himself the goal to acquaint the reader with relevant international organizations in the field of civil aviation, introduce him in a general way into the provision of air navigation services' issues, including the situations when these services are being provided across the national boundaries. Following this general reading, the thesis fluently moves on to its main subject matter which is the Single European Sky initiative. An attention is focused on the state of European airspace before the initiative has been launched as well as the preparatory works which resulted in the adoption of the first SES legislative package. The following chapter presents the basic legal framework regulating the Single European Sky as amended by the adoption of the second legislative package. Principal part of the thesis is comprised in the next chapter dealing with the process of project's implementation. Within its framework, the reader's attention is turned, *inter alia*, to such crucial issues as the national supervisory authorities, the system of certification introduced for the air navigation service providers, the concept of European airspace integration into functional airspace blocks and military, social and technological aspects of the SES project. With respect to the European Commission's recent announcement of an intention to repeatedly amend the SES legislative framework, the concluding chapter serves as an introduction to perspectives of the SES initiative.