

## **Abstract**

Defense policy is not a very liked public policy in general public. However it is one of the most important mechanisms, that allows us to live our lives in peace. Also, it is very important to know, who determines the direction in which defense policy is going. This paper examines which expert capacities are available to political parties in Czech Republic in the field of defense policy. Parties selected for the research are: Social Democrats, TOP 09, and Communists. This paper explains, what defense policy is and then describes the concepts of policy work and policy analytical capacity, which examines expert committees of the mentioned political parties. Data in this paper were obtained by studying documents of political parties and through qualitative interviews with members of expert committees. Policy analytical capacity of expert committees of each political party is examined in this paper. The results describe how expert committees work and what kind of experts work within them.