

## Abstract

This Master thesis examines reasons of Czech politicians to decide on sending armed forces of the Czech Republic into military missions and operations of the European Union. The Czech Republic in researched years 2003–2016 took part in six out of twelve EU's military missions and operations. During these years, the support at the Czech political scene towards said missions and operations changed many times, depending on the position of certain party in the government or in the opposition.

Thesis uses content analysis of discussions for its research. These discussions took place in the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic between years 2003 and 2016 and were associated with government's proposals on the deployment of the Czech armed forces abroad. Each Member of the Chamber of Deputies' contribution is assigned into one of defined categories: *Security*, *Profitability* and *Appropriateness*. The main hypothesis is that the majority of contributions in the researched debates belongs into *Appropriateness* category, largely due to importance of commitments towards allies in the EU. The second hypothesis is that the amount of arguments belonging into *Security* category will rise in the last couple of years, mainly because of the worsening security situation in the European Union and the Czech Republic.