

## Abstract

The goal of my bachelor's thesis is to present the development of the Czech-German as well as Czechoslovak-German cooperation in the field of environmental protection, especially between the turn of 1980s and 1990s and the year 2022. My thesis uses the Karl W. Deutsch's analytical concept of *transactionalism*, according to which the more states cooperate, the more stable and peaceful their relations become. The question is whether this concept is being fulfilled, which I present by the institutionalization of this cooperation.

First, I outline how the phenomenon of environmental protection has evolved in the states of my focus and how it has gradually become a political issue. Then, I present how our relations have developed in this respect and show, with concrete examples, what has been achieved. I divide this mapping (or *Bestandaufnahme*) based on major historical events – the revolutions of 1989, the establishment of the Czech Republic in 1993 and its accession to the European Union in 2004. A crucial milestone in my work is the establishment of the Czech-German Strategic Dialogue in 2015 – the question is whether it is a kind of “culmination” of the institutionalization of these relations and whether there is any more fundamental vision of cooperation in the future, or where are the possible limits of *transactionalism*. In the main analytical chapter, I show in which areas are Czech-German environmental relations compatible and whether cooperation is also possible in those areas which are not compatible. Finally, I return to the research question to determine whether the Deutsch's concept of *transactionalism* is fulfilled.