

Abstract

In the international arena, European integration and globalization are becoming increasingly significant trends to which the Czech Republic must adapt by creating new international and supranational institutional and organizational structures. The Czech Republic's accession to the European Union and the process of Europeanization have opened up new opportunities and challenges for NGOs, which play a significant role in the participation of civil society in the European space. However, although Europeanization puts pressure on the political systems of EU member states, it is still unclear whether there is convergence between the member states, as empirical studies suggest that domestic changes tend to use alternative mechanisms. This diplomathesis deals with the impact of Europeanization on non-governmental organizations (NGOs) focused on integrating children from institutional care into society. The thesis explores the challenges and opportunities that arise with European integration for these actors and seeks to determine whether accessing EU funds provides sufficient motivation for the examined NPOs to Europeanize. The aim of the thesis is to examine changes in the structure, practices, and strategic planning of NPOs in order to gain insights into whether these organizations can adapt their activities to new conditions in the international environment. At the same time, this thesis verifies whether the examined organizations are present in European social networks. With a lack of previous empirical research in this specific area, this thesis represents a possible expansion in understanding the impacts of Europeanization on NPOs dealing with this topic.