

## **Transposition of Energy Communities into Czech Law – abstract**

The main topic of the presented diploma thesis is the legal concept of energy communities and its transposition into Czech law. The term “energy communities” means both citizen energy communities according to the Directive (EU) 2019/944 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on common rules for the internal market for electricity and amending Directive 2012/27/EU and renewable energy communities as defined by the Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources. None of the mentioned directives has yet been fully transposed in the Czech Republic, although the transposition deadlines in both cases have already passed. The first chapter of the diploma thesis discusses the transposition of EU directives in general and from a theoretical point of view, including transposition methods and a description of the process of transposition of directives at the national level. The second chapter deals with the EU legal provisions regulating the energy communities themselves. Common characteristics, as well as basic differences between both types of energy communities, are identified, including the consequences of these differences for the preparation of transposition legislation. The third part of the thesis analyses foreign experience with energy communities in selected EU countries, specifically in Germany, Austria, Portugal, and Slovakia. Attention is paid not only to practical experiences with the existence of energy communities but especially to currently effective or newly proposed legislation. In the fourth and final chapter, the framework ideas on the transposition of energy communities according to the white paper of the new Energy Act are commented on and the author’s recommendations how to transpose the abstract EU provisions on energy communities into the Czech legal order are given. The annexe of the diploma thesis then contains an articulated version of a draft act regulating energy communities. This fulfils the goal of the diploma thesis, which is to provide practical proposals for legislative solutions for the transposition of energy communities into the new Energy Act and thereby positively influence its legislative process and the overall quality of legislation.