

# **Coordination and cooperation of intelligence services in the Czech Republic**

## **Summary and key words**

This diploma thesis focuses on the legal framework of the status, scope, coordination of activities and mutual cooperation of the intelligence services of the Czech Republic. These are the Security Information Service, the Office for Foreign Relations and Information and the Military Intelligence. In the individual chapters the author first describes the definition of the individual intelligence services of the Czech Republic, their definition and their further division. Next, the structure of the intelligence system is described, with emphasis on the position of the Government of the Czech Republic. Then, the structure of the individual intelligence services of the Czech Republic, their specific divisions and management methods are defined in more detail. The thesis analyses the position of the intelligence services within the system of state administration, further focusing on the specifics of their statutory remit. Subsequently, some legal problems of the current intelligence system are presented. Interviews with current and former members of the various intelligence services are a central part of this thesis, focusing in particular on the topic of coordination and cooperation between intelligence services. The last part of this thesis covers the issue of control of domestic intelligence services. The importance of this control, its functioning within the individual intelligence services and further subdivisions are described. The thesis also presents the entities exercising this control. Finally, the author's personal view of the issue is provided, which is based mainly on theoretical research of the issue, interviews with individual respondents and their mutual comparison and evaluation. The interviews should be seen as individual subjective opinions, which are supported by objective information.

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