

## **Abstract**

The energy crisis in 2022 highlighted the weaknesses of the European energy market and forced the leaders of individual Member States to get rid of their high dependence on Russian gas. The paper analyses the potential for cooperation between the Czech Republic and Qatar in the field of liquefied natural gas supply in the light of interrupted natural gas supplies from Russia. The aim of the thesis is to answer the question whether there is a potential for cooperation between the two countries in the medium term in the field of natural gas supply in order to increase the energy security of the Czech Republic, and at the same time it presents the hypothesis that a political consensus between the two countries would have a positive impact on the energy security of the Czech Republic.

The theoretical part of the thesis is devoted to the concept of energy security, the situation on the energy market before and after the beginning of the war in Ukraine, and the organisation of the European, Czech and Qatari natural gas markets.

The practical part includes the analysis of four semi-structured interviews with representatives of the private and state sector of the gas industry. Respondents answered pre-selected statements in the interviews and their answers were analysed using coding and a proprietary methodology. In addition to the statements for the main analysis, three additional statements were selected to place the results of the main analysis in a broader context.