

Abstract

The aim of the study was to analyse the approach to European affairs in parliamentary chambers of Czech Republic and France. This thesis explores the activity of Czech Chamber of Deputies, Czech Senate, French National Assembly and French Senate. The examined period is one year prior to Council presidency of the relevant country and the presidency itself. This thesis answers the question whether there are differences in the activity in period preceding the Council presidency and the presidency itself. The method of content analysis was used to examine publicly available documents. In particular, the minutes of the European Affairs Committees in the parliaments of both countries were analysed, as well as the transcripts of plenary debates in the case of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic and the National Assembly of France. The work also looked at the number of transposition measures adopted by parliaments and the number of reasoned opinions adopted. The starting point for the analysis is the previous categorisation of the roles of national parliaments in the European Union. The thesis has shown what data can be used for the analysis of this issue and where to get it. It also described how the committees of the two chambers of the parliament under study act, what the differences are between the two countries in dealing with European issues.