

# Right to education in European documents

## Key words

Education, right to education, European documents, Court of Justice of the European Union, European Court of Human Rights, Human Rights

## Abstract

The right to education is a fundamental human right that has been enshrined in numerous international legal documents. This thesis deals with the enshrinement of the right to education in European documents and in the complex of human rights since its enactment. The aim of the thesis is the analysis of the right to education in the European context while its main focus is to provide a characterization, analysis and comparison of the codification of the right to education in European documents. Firstly the thesis presents the enshrinement of the right to education in the European convention on human Rights as amended by the Additional Protocols which served as important source for the creation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. Secondly the thesis presents the enshrinement of the right to education in the Charter of Fundamental rights of the European Union which is one of the youngest and most comprehensive catalogues of the human rights in the world. The thesis contains key case law from the European Court Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union. Thirdly in the statistical section we present the analysis of data from CURIA and HUDOC databases regarding the frequency of applications to the European Court Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union invoking the right to education. The statistics present conclusions regarding the proportion of the cases focusing on the right to education to the total cases before the courts. Finally the thesis identifies and briefly describes potential threats and opportunities provided to the right to education in the Czech Republic. This section was based on the long-term expertise and activities of non-profit organisations Amnesty International Czech Republic and Meta o.p.s., which among other activities also contribute to the enforcement and application of the right to education.