

## **Abstract – Criteria for a definition of a full function joint venture in the decision-making of the Commission**

This thesis focuses on the progress in the Commission's approach towards full functioning joint ventures and on criteria for their determination. A full functioning joint venture is a joint venture type that fulfils criteria given by the Commission of the European Union – joint control and full functioning, that consists of functional autonomy, lasting basis and resources.

The first, inductive part provides a short joint venture typology and explains ways by which the European law regulates those concentrations.

The second part of the thesis serves as a necessary historic excursus to the progress in the European Union Commission's view on cooperative and concentrative concentrations and its goal is to clarify on the basis of which factors and how this approach has developed from 1968 to the present.

The third, main, part of the thesis is an analysis of particular full functioning joint venture determination criteria. Each criterion is analysed separately with regards to specialised publications, regulations, reports and directives, especially by analysing European Union Commission's rulings, as the result of the application of the approach towards full functioning joint ventures by the European Union Commission itself.

The last part of the thesis briefly deals with the relation of the decision-making of the Commission to the decision-making of the Court of Justice of the European Union.