

International human rights law constitutes an integral part of national legal systems of all democratic countries. Poland is part of the universal (United Nations) human rights protection system as well as the system of the Council of Europe. Both systems function separately from each other but one can observe that their mutual influence is growing. The objective of the project is to establish the scope of influence of standards created by the UN treaty system on the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights. Analysed UN system is composed of nine conventions dealing with various human rights. Controlled organs created by these treaties, so called treaty bodies, play crucial role in the process of interpretation of above-mentioned conventions.

Within the framework of the research project it will be necessary first of all to reconstruct relevant UN standards. It means to describe how the treaty bodies have interpreted these norms. That analysis will be limited to the human rights also covered by the European Convention on Human Rights. The next and crucial face of the research will consist of establishment if the above-mentioned UN standards play a role in the jurisprudence of the ECHR. In order to establish importance and scope of that influence it will be necessary to carefully analyse the jurisprudence of the Court.

Conducted research should present potential, which can be brought by UN standards into the European system. It should also indicate how that standard could be possibly better explored. Results of the research should provide answers to the following questions: how important is the influence of the UN system on the Council of Europe system? To what extent the UN standards modify method of interpretation of the ECHR by the ECHR? Is it possible or desirable, from the protection of human rights point of view, to increase that influence?