

One of the fundamental problems in the contemporary discussions on the computerization of the law is the lack of an adequate theory of legal text. A theory, which on the one hand, would be capable to describe and explain relationships between principles of legal drafting and legal interpretation functioning in a particular legal culture, and on the other hand which would take into account globalization of law and could help us to assess the impact of information technologies on existing paradigms and practices. There is also no in-depth and multifaceted research on the concept of legal text or about the idea of the legal text understood as the text of the contemporary legal culture. However, the development of the theory of legal text, which would correspond to the challenges of globalization and information society, is a condition of further advances in the field of legal informatics and determines the possibility of development and implementation of dedicated IT tools, which would meet the needs of legal practice and needs of legislators. Therefore, the main objective of the project is an attempt to answer the question about the nature of legal text, what it resembles and what differs from other genres of text on the Internet. On this basis, a discussion will be carried out about the possibility and legitimacy of implementation to legal practice new methods of systematization, sharing, processing, analysis and visualization of legal information, developed in computer science. The effects, which such implementation can have on the principles of legislative technique, on traditional civil law systematizations, on construction of normative texts and on directives of legal interpretation, will be examined. Based on a critical analysis of contemporary theories of legal text and selected theories of hypertext an attempt will be made to justify the thesis on hipertextuality of legal text. In particular it will be demonstrated that the transposition of the off-line legal texts to the extraterritorial and interactive cyberspace makes them a type of exploratory hypertext.