

# SUMMARY

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## **Telecommunication policy of the European Union**

*In his study, the author introduces actual questions of the telecommunication market, industry and community policy. By the turn of the millennium, digital technologies have become, both politically and economically, the most influential industry, able to mobilise the largest capital.*

*From the 1980s, the development of technology launched also a communication revolution.*

*By the turn of the millennium, telecommunication sector has, in a unique way, changed world trade. We are witnesses and actors of the transformation of industrial societies with mass production into information societies which can be characterised with globalisation and mobility. These new societies are based on digital technology, industries of service network and information data bases as substantive service industries. After a period of heavy disputes and as a result of a ten-year work, telecommunication policy of the European Union became a success story. It started in 1987, then the removal of telecommunication monopolies in the member countries in 1998 considerably contributed to its development. As a result of the telecommunication policy, the fees of telecommunication services dropped substantially and a single European telecom market was formed.*

*The first part of the study summarizes the global processes and demonstrates the telecommunication market of the Union, the second part presents the creation and realization of the independent telecommunication policy of the Union.*