

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Academic year: 2026/2027	
University: Comenius University Bratislava	
Faculty: Faculty of Law	
Course ID: PraF.KSEP/ENm17-3136/26	Course title: Comparative Energy Law
Educational activities: Type of activities: lecture / seminar Number of hours: per week: 1 / 2 per level/semester: 13 / 26 Form of the course:	
Number of credits: 3	
Recommended semester:	
Educational level:	
Prerequisites:	
Course requirements: Continuous assessment: seminar work, written work 100% The evaluation consists of two parts: 1. Active participation during the seminar During the semester, the students shall solve cases and prepare the presentations on the topics related to the seminars provided by the lecturer. Students can get a maximum of 50 points = 50 percent for the active participation during the seminars. 2. Exam essay The second part of the course evaluation is an essay written on one of the topics provided by the lecturer. Students can get for the exam a maximum 50 points = 50 percent. Classification scale: A/1 = 91 – 100 %; B/1,5 = 81 – 90 %; C/2 = 73 – 80 %; D/2,5 = 66 – 72 %; E/3 = 61 – 65 %; FX = 0 – 60 %. Scale of assessment (preliminary/final): 100/0	
Learning outcomes: After completing the course, the student gains a comprehensive view of selected topics from international, EU and comparative energy law. a) Knowledge: The student has a broad knowledge of international, EU and comparative energy law of the selected states. b) Skills: The student can solve case studies focused on procedural aspects of international, EU energy law, and energy law of the selected states, but always also with regard to substantive law. The student is able to identify, find and interpret relevant legislation, jurisprudence, legal doctrine and other legal information, and based on this, make informed decisions that also take into account social, scientific and ethical aspects within international, EU energy law and energy law of selected states; he also masters the methods of interpretation and application of legal norms and ascertainment of the facts.	

The student is oriented in the systems and methods of obtaining legally relevant information (legal regulations and related documents, decisions of courts and administrative bodies, professional and scientific legal literature), while being able to obtain and apply legal information comparatively from several legal systems, as well as from international and EU energy law and can communicate concepts, problems and solutions based on this; at the same time, it can also be about applying this information in practice or about solving a partial task that is related to the student's future focus.

The student is able to think analytically and synthetically in the focal legal branches of the national legal order, specifically and in depth in individual areas of energy law, while at the same time being able to comparatively connect the synthesized knowledge with knowledge of the focal legal branches of other states as well as the international and EU energy law; based on this, he can propose innovative and practical procedures and solutions to complex and unpredictable problems.

c) Responsibility and independence:

The student is able to perform specialized preparatory and final work within legal positions of the public sector, within national and multinational corporations or national and international governmental and non-governmental organizations;

The student is able to manage complex activities or projects related to the area of international and EU energy law and energy law of selected states at several levels of the legal order as well as across legal systems, to analyse the legal acts, case law and scientific sources in energy law, to select the best practices, and to provide the scientifically proven solutions, to bear responsibility for decision-making in an unpredictable work or study environment and take responsibility for managing the professional development of individuals and groups.

The student has the ability to critically evaluate the relevance of legal information and data and, on this basis, make socially responsible and moral decisions in the area of international and EU energy law and energy law of selected states.

Class syllabus:

1. Energy law: a definition and dimensions. Comparative legal studies in the energy sector: the main goals and the key methodology
2. International energy law: a definition and the sources
3. EU energy law: a definition, the sources and the system
4. Legal framework of energy regulation in the EU
5. Legal framework of energy efficiency in the EU
6. Legal framework of energy efficiency of buildings
7. Legal framework of renewable energy in the EU
8. Alternative dispute resolution in the energy sector of the EU
9. Comparative energy law in the European Union
10. Comparative energy law in the countries – members of the Energy Community
11. Energy Law in the Great Britain
12. Energy Law in USA
13. Energy Law in Australia
14. Energy Law in Canada

Recommended literature:

Talus, Kim. Introduction to EU Energy Law. Oxford University Press, 2016, 180 p. ISBN 9780198791812

Heffron Raphael J. Energy Law: An Introduction. Springer Nature. 2021, 107 p. ISBN 3030775216, 9783030775216

Marián Vrabko at al. Energy Law.

Wolters Kluwer, 2025, 216 p. ISBN 978-80-571-0735-4

EU Energy Law Volume I: The Internal Energy Market (EU Energy Law series, #5th Edition. by#Christopher Jones#(Editor),#William-James Kettlewell#(Editor). 2020. ISBN 9077644652 Energy Law in Europe. National, EU and International Regulation. Third Edition. Edited by#Martha Roggenkamp,#Catherine Redgwell,#Anita Ronne, and#Inigo del Guayo. Oxford University Press, 2016. ISBN: 9780198712893

Languages necessary to complete the course:

english

Notes:

Past grade distribution

Total number of evaluated students: 0

Hodnotenie predmetu sa zobrazí až v prípade zaradenia predmetu do nejakého študijného plánu.

Lecturers: prof. Mgr. Yuliia Vashchenko, PhD., JUDr. Ing. Tomáš Šipoš, PhD.

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