

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Academic year: 2026/2027	
University: Comenius University Bratislava	
Faculty: Faculty of Law	
Course ID: PraF.KSEP/ENm17-3208/26	Course title: Energy Law
Educational activities: Type of activities: lecture / seminar Number of hours: per week: 2 / 2 per level/semester: 26 / 26 Form of the course: on-site learning	
Type, volume, methods and workload of the student - additional information Course workload: 75-90 hours (6-7 hours per week) Contact teaching: 26 hours (2 hours per week) Self-study: 4-5 hours per week	
Number of credits: 3	
Recommended semester: 1.	
Educational level: II.	
Prerequisites:	
Course requirements: Continuous assessment: written assignment and presentation, active participation in seminars (100%) Final evaluation: Grading scale: A/1 = 91-100%; B/1.5 = 81-90%; C/2 = 73-80%; D/2.5 = 66-72%; E/3 = 60-65%; FX = 0-59%. Students may use all available sources of legal information in the course of the examination, in particular uncommented legislation, commentaries, case law, legal literature and legal information systems. Scale of assessment (preliminary/final): 100/0	
Learning outcomes: Upon completing the course Energy Law, the student will acquire a comprehensive understanding of the legal aspects of the energy sector, with a focus on electricity, gas, heat supply, and renewable energy sources. Emphasis is placed on practical mastery of the regulatory framework and the ability to respond to current challenges in both public and private energy regulation. Graduates of the course will be prepared to solve practical problems in energy law and to work independently with legislation, case law, and regulatory decisions. Knowledge: The student will gain a systematic overview of global and European energy trends, as well as the legal instruments regulating them. They will become familiar with the roles and competences of regulatory authorities (in particular the Regulatory Office for Network Industries – ÚRSO, and the European Commission), and with the legal regulation of energy production, transmission, distribution, and trade. The course also covers the specificities of the electricity, gas, and heat markets. The student will acquire knowledge of consumer protection, competition rules, and environmental aspects of energy law, including renewable energy sources.	

Skills:

The student will learn to apply legal regulations in concrete practical situations – particularly in drafting and analysing contractual relationships in the energy sector, resolving unauthorized energy consumption, and preparing legal submissions in regulatory matters or consumer protection cases. They will be able to interpret norms of energy law and use them to address both hypothetical and real-life situations in the private and public sectors.

Responsibility and Autonomy:

The graduate will be able to independently analyse complex legal issues in the field of energy, develop qualified legal opinions, and assess the conduct of energy entities in terms of compliance with legal regulations. They will be aware of the societal importance of the energy sector and its impact on the environment, public interest, and the competitiveness of the economy. This awareness will enable them to formulate balanced and professionally grounded solutions in accordance with the principles of sustainability and the rule of law.

Class syllabus:

1. Global challenges for the world's energy sector
2. Overview of international and European regulation
3. Status and competences of the Energy Regulatory Authority and the Commission
4. Administrative relations in the energy sector
5. Production, transmission, distribution and trade in electricity
6. Consumer relations in the electricity sector
7. Commercial relations in the electricity sector
8. Unauthorised withdrawals and debt recovery
9. Legislation on the gas market
10. Regulation of the heating sector
11. Environmental protection and renewable sources I
12. Environmental protection and renewable sources II
13. Protection of competition in the energy sector I
14. Protection of competition in the energy sector II

Recommended literature:

Vrabko, M., a# kol.: Energy law, Bratislava: Wolters Kluwer, 2025.
 Horvat, M. a# kol.: Hospodárska správa, Bratislava: Wolters Kluwer, 2026.
 Cini, M., Perez-Solorzano Borrigan, N.: European Union Politics. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.
 Johnston, A., Block, G.: EU Energy Law. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.
 Massai, L.: European Climate and Clean Energy Law and Policy. New York: Routledge, 2011.
 Tomain, J., Cudahy, R.: Energy Law in a Nutshell. St. Paul: West Group, 2011.

Languages necessary to complete the course:

English

Notes:**Past grade distribution**

Total number of evaluated students: 0

A	ABS	B	C	D	E	FX
0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0

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

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Approved by: