

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Academic year: 2026/2027	
University: Comenius University Bratislava	
Faculty: Faculty of Law	
Course ID: PraF.KSEP/ENm17-3206/26	Course title: Environmental Law
Educational activities: Type of activities: seminar Number of hours: per week: 2 per level/semester: 26 Form of the course: on-site learning, combined	
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., 3.	
Educational level: I., II.	
Prerequisites:	
Course requirements: Continuous assessment: oral presentation 50%, essay 50% Final assessment: Classification 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%. During the examination, the student can use all available sources of legal information, especially uncommented legal regulations, commentaries, jurisprudence, legal literature and legal information systems. Scale of assessment (preliminary/final): 100/0	
Learning outcomes: Learning outcomes: By completing the subject, the student will gain knowledge about the applicable law of the European Union and about the legal aspects of the approximation of the legal regulation of the Slovak Republic to the law of the European Union, and will also gain an overview of the current state regarding the achieved degree of harmonization of the national legal order with the law of the European Union in the field of environmental care, respectively individual topics from this area. Knowledge: the student will acquire a systematic overview of individual selected areas falling within the field of environmental care, specifically he will acquire knowledge of the legislation of the European Union and the legislation of the Slovak Republic in the given areas falling within the field of environmental care. Skills: the student can identify the most important legal regulations from the law of the European Union and the national regulation of Slovakia in selected areas falling into the field of environmental care. Responsibility and independence: the student can identify the basic legal instruments for environmental care, can describe the basic environmental problems faced by the European Union	

and the Slovak Republic, and can identify how the Slovak Republic has transposed selected European Union legislation into the national legal order.

Class syllabus:

- 1) Introduction to the EU legal order.
- 2) Introduction to the issue of EU environmental law.
- 3) Legal regulation of nature and landscape protection.
- 4) Legal regulation of air protection and the Earth's ozone layer.
- 5) Legal regulation of the fight against climate change.
- 6) Legal regulation of water protection.
- 7) Legal regulation of land care.
- 8) Legal regulation of the circular economy and waste management.
- 9) Legal regulation of genetic technologies and genetically modified organisms.
- 10) Legal regulation of health and environmental protection.
- 11) Legal regulation of environmental impact assessment (EIA) and conceptual document assessment (SEA).
- 12) Legal regulation of integrated pollution prevention and reduction.
- 13) Legal regulation of the peaceful use of nuclear energy.
- 14) Selected decision-making processes in the field of the environment and responsibility for the environment.

Recommended literature:

Calster, V.G.: EU Environmental law (Elgar, 2017).
Carlarne, C. P., Gray, K. R., Tarasofsky, R.: The Oxford Handbook of International Climate Change Law, (Oxford: OUP, 2016).
Philander, S. G.: Encyclopedia of global warming and climate change. Second edition. (SAGE: 2013).
Klein, D. a kol.: The Paris agreement on Climate Change. Analysis and Commentary. (Oxford University Press, 2017).
Luterbacher, U., Sprinz, D .F.: International relations and global climate change. (Cambridge, 2001).
Selected magazine literature (Judicial review, Czech environmental law),
Legal regulations (international agreements, legal regulations of the European Union and legal regulations of the Slovak Republic).

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: Mgr. Jana Šmelková, PhD., JUDr. Matúš Michalovič, PhD., Mgr. Martin Dufala, PhD.

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