

ABSTRACT

OF THE DISSERTATION ON

„PUBLIC INTEREST IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW“

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The dissertation examines public interest in environmental law. Due to the lack of professional resources dealing with the very concept of public interest, the dissertation offers its basic definition and relevant connections, but always in relation to the institutes of the environmental law. Interpretive and historical aspects of public interest are analyzed and basic definition features, classification and process of the formulation of public interest, including correction of the improper process, are established. The dissertation specifies public interest in environmental law as a legally defined value of environmental protection shared by whole society. Such a public interest is promoted in all the phases of evaluation and authorization of a project that may be harmful to the environment, in the extent always depending on the specific situation. The dissertation concludes that environmental protection is a worldwide shared value and public interest. In addition, public interest in environmental protection is a criterion for a decision making process carried out by public authorities, and the resulting public interest (adopted solution) depends on the specific circumstances of the situation.