

Freedom of Movement in the Environmental Law

Abstract

This thesis is concerning freedom of movement in the environmental law, i.e. the limitation of movement stemming from environmental legislation. Firstly, it is a current issue due to the COVID-19 pandemic – as the countryside has become a popular destination for many visitors. Secondly, it is a general issue – as the human population expands or as there are new possible ways of spending free time due to technological progress. The aim of this thesis is to analyse the current state of legislation in this area and to assess it in regard to satisfying its purpose, i.e. environmental protection.

It was ascertained that the environmental legislation rather reached its goals, as it offered flexible protection to the specific needs of individual areas. The legislations drawbacks comprised of legal vacuums – it seldom contained provisions for movement in winter countryside or it did not include sufficiently general rules to apply on every manner of movement of people in nature. Another issue of the legislation is the lack of public awareness, its considerable fragmentation and limited chance of it being enforced due to understaffed public guards.

Key words

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