

Legal aspects of EMAS in the Czech Republic

Abstract

This diploma thesis is focused on “Legal aspects of EMAS in the Czech Republic”. The aim of this diploma thesis is to characterize EMAS, analyse its legal aspects, both at the EU level and in the Czech Republic, and based on a study of relevant legislation and other sources comprehensively evaluate the legal aspects of EMAS in the Czech Republic afterwards. For purposes of introduction of the topic the introductory part is dedicated to environmental protection instruments in general while voluntary instruments, which include EMAS, are presented in more detail, and the second part is dedicated to environmental management systems. The third part of the diploma thesis analyses the key legislation of EMAS at the EU level, both its development and *de lege lata* regulation, and its other legal and other contexts, including an analysis of the legal context of EMAS in selected European countries. That three parts simultaneously comprise the characteristics of EMAS. Fourth part of the diploma thesis is dedicated to the legal aspects of EMAS in the Czech Republic, in the first place in the form of analysis of these aspects in a similar structure as in the case of legal aspects contained in the third part and my evaluation of these aspects afterwards. The diploma thesis is thus composed of imaginary, intertwining, three sections - the general level, then the national level and then the part containing my comparison and evaluation of the legal aspects in the Czech Republic, potentially proposals *de lege ferenda*, in other words reflections on the complex context of analysed information and given legal issues.

Key words

EMAS, environmental management system, EMAS Regulation