

Summary

The protection of landscape in the law

This thesis deals with the legal protection of landscape, focusing on its general protection, i.e., the protection of the landscape outside built-up areas excluding its special protected parts. The main aim of the submitted thesis is to present the basic overview on legal institutes that are provided by the substantial law in force for general landscape protection and, moreover, to describe the most significant ones in detail. The thesis is divided into three chapters, each of them devoted to the study of various aspects of the issue under investigation.

In the introductory chapter, general grounds of the landscape protection are described. It is subdivided into three parts. The first part attempts to give a precise meaning to the term "landscape". Further, the historical development of legal landscape protection is outlined in the second part. Finally, the third part deals with the significance of landscape, factors affected its current state, and reasons for its protection.

Chapter Two focuses on the substantive law on the international level. Special attention is paid to The European Landscape Convention which represents the only international tool concerning with the landscape itself as its main subject. The rate of implementation of goals covered by The European Landscape Convention to Czech legal order is also discussed. The ecological networks are subsequently explained in this chapter. Last part of this section deals with the protection at the European Union level.

Chapter Three consists of six subchapters. The Czech legislation and individual institutes serving to landscape protection are examined. From the first to the fourth subchapter, the institutes regulated by The Act No. 114/1992 Coll. on the Protection of Nature and the Landscape are, item by item, analyzed in detail. These institutes are as follows: protection of landscape character, a nature park, a territorial system of landscape ecological stability, and significant landscape components. Some other tools, which are usable for the landscape protection and involved in this Act, are described in the following part. Finally, the last part, focuses on the projection of the issues

concerning landscape protection into other areas of Czech legal system – namely, the area connected with the care of historical monuments, land use planning, land modification, and environmental impact assessment.

This thesis is concluded by suggesting several possible changes in the recent international and national legislation.