

Abstract

Environmental impact assessment of projects in the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union

Environmental impact assessment (EIA) is a horizontal tool of protection of the environment, based on principles of precaution and prevention and aimed at assessment of plans and programs, or projects. This thesis deals with assessment of projects only. At EU level, the legal basis for EIA of projects is provided for by the EIA Directive (Directive 2011/92/EU) which is expected to be amended in the near future. The thesis provides for an analysis of the EIA case law of the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU), identifies the main problems encountered by the Member States when implementing the EIA Directive, identifies the key principles established by the CJEU for interpretation of the EIA directive, and in the light of the above it identifies the main issues in the transposition in the Czech law.