

Abstract

Environmental policy instruments in the Czech Republic

This thesis deals with environmental policy instruments and related issues. In the introduction I analyze in general what the environment is and what role it plays in our life and its importance for life, then also by short historical excursion and also by the very definition of what is the environment and also the environmental policy itself.

A large part is occupied by environmental policy actors that are an integral part of this area, as it would not be possible to carry out environmental policy without them. I divide them into state and non-state, among which the main difference is especially in volunteering. I describe their activities and examples of using individual tools in their performance.

An important part is also an insight into the international area in the field of international environmental conferences as well as the European Union action plans. This section presents a brief overview of the development of international conferences on environment and sustainable development. Then, in the European Union, I am analyzing the last seventh action program in detail. Last but not least, it is also the State Environmental Policy of the Czech Republic as an important strategic document defining the further direction of the development of environmental policy in the Czech Republic. I devote myself to her individual goals, which I describe.

The last and most important part are separate environmental policy tools. Here I divide the instruments according to certain aspects, namely legal, economic, conceptual, administrative, information, voluntary and educational tools of environmental policy. When analyzing individual tools I describe their most frequent use and possible advantages and disadvantages.

In particular, the whole work implies the need for consistent adherence and also for the creation of environmental policy at all levels, as well as continuous cooperation in various fields, and I consider the public involvement in environmental policy processes to be very important.

Keywords

Environmental policy, environmental policy instruments, environmental policy actors