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Constitutional protection of the environment with particular regard to the
Hungarian, German, Italian and Belgian constitutional regulation*****

Abstract

Environmental protection has become a burning issue which plays a more and more important role in the world. The aim of this study is to give a picture of the constitutional regulation of environmental protection which is the highest legal source of a nation. Besides the Hungarian Fundamental Law, the German, Italian and Belgian constitutions were examined in the study. On one hand, we looked into how environment is regulated in the constitutions, as a right (right to environment) or a state task or objective (protect the environment). On the other hand, we analysed how related regulatory subjects appear in the constitutions, such as natural recourses, future generations and sustainable development.

Keywords: constitutional regulation, environmental protection, the right to environment, protection of nature recourses, interest of future generation, sustainable development.

1. Introduction

Environmental protection is one of the most pressing and current questions in the world. It is one of the basic prerequisites for the overall development of any country in the world. If economic growth and development are to be established, and there is no country in the world that does not want to do so, today these may not be reached without taking care of the environment and using environmentally friendly solutions. As awareness of environmental protection is developed, human awareness is also developed and people recognise the need to preserve the environment by preventing adverse impacts on nature. In addition to practical, economic tasks, exercises and efforts, law also has significant role in implementing environmental

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