EU funds and adaptation of enterprises to the requirements of environmental protection

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Abstract

Poland’s accession to European Union was associated with the introduction of EU law. It also referred to the field of the environmental law. In accordance with the principles of sustainable development, the economic growth should take into consideration the impact on the environment. The protection of the environment necessitates creation and implementation of new techniques and technologies that contribute to the elimination of all kinds of pollution. These investments are generally expansive and the funds are limited. The financial resources play an important role in the process of adapting the requirements of environmental protection, which have to assist economic entity in achieving the ecological activities. The aim of the study was to analyze the availability of funds from the European Union in the period 2007–2013, offered to economic entities to adapt requirements of environmental protection, and increase their competitiveness in the Voivodeship of Silesia in Poland. The paper tries to answer the question whether and to what extent these activities have influenced the environmental situation in the region in recent years and what measures should be taken afterward? In conclusions, the procedure of investment conduct raising funds for activities related to the adaptation to the requirements of environmental protection is done.

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