

Environmental crime of air, water and land pollution

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Abstract

Environmental crime can be defined as conduct that violates the legal provisions for the protection of the ecological and physical environment, for which a sanction is provided with such provisions which are intended to protect public health. However, the punishment of environmental crime, regardless of the purpose, must be conceived in such a way that might not unreasonably burden the business and the ever-increasing needs of technology and development. From this point of view, state intervention in economic activity in order to protect the environment should be reasonably limited.

Environmental crimes in Albania have not been taken seriously and it can be said that they have not been the focus of the judiciary. Criminal offenses in the field of environment have always occupied a minimal space in the activity of the judiciary.

First by the judicial police with the lack of reporting and then with the Prosecution which should have continued with the investigation of these types of offenses. The investigation and trial of these criminal offenses over the years has been limited to a very few cases. Even more unclear and the number of cases of investigation of criminal responsibility of legal entities for criminal offenses in the field of environment remains small.

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