

THE BOOK OVERVIEW: EUROPEAN MARKET LAW – HANDBOOK Vol. 1

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The book “European Market Law Handbook vol. 1” by authors Hana Horak, Kosjenka Dumančić, Kristijan Poljanec and Dominik Vuletić has been published in October 2014 within the Tempus IV project INTEREULAWEAST - European and International Law Master Programme Development in Eastern Europe.



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The authors' desire to write such a book was present even before the Tempus project started, in order to meet the basic literature requirements for the students who enrolled European Market Law and European Company Law courses at Bachelor Degree in Business (BDiB) studies, performed at the Faculty of Economics and Business in Zagreb, and as such, the book represents

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the reflection of the lectures given by Professor Hana Horak and her associates in the past few years. However, the Tempus project was one additional motivation and the breaking point for the realization, as the need for such book was also recognized at the partners' institutions in Russia and Ukraine, mainly to serve as the literature for the future Master programs which are to be developed through the INTEREULAWEAST project.

The handbook itself is written on more than three hundred and fifty pages and basically consists of two separate parts. The first part deals with the searching databases on EU law. The guiding idea for this part was to give students and researchers in general the basic knowledge on techniques of searching the on-line databases, covering the EU law topics and helping them to find the desired information and documents among the thousands of others. It covers the most relevant databases such as: Europa, EUR-Lex, Curia, PreLex, e-Justice, JuriFast and many others. This part is written in the form of manual, giving the basic information on specific database and the nature of sources contained within, followed by the step-by-step guidelines on how and where to search for desired information through more than eighty images with the pointers and explanations. The practical value of the first part is in providing the great tool for training the database search – the best way to use it is simultaneously with the database.

The second part of the handbook is hitting the core. It is the collection of the most important cases of the European Court of Justice. It is divided into general part, providing the most relevant case law on the basic principles of the EU law, such as principle of supremacy of the EU law and the principle of the direct effect, and continues through the case law on the four freedoms of the internal market: free movement of goods, freedom to provide services, freedom of establishment, and free movement of workers and capital. Each of the twenty four analyzed cases consists of the summary, keywords, the authors' overview and the text of the judgment with operative parts. The authors' overviews are stressing the problems and solutions as well as the significance of the particular judgment for development of the internal market law. This part of the handbook comes very handy for the students who have enrolled the courses on EU law topics, but also for the wider public e.g. entrepreneurs and professionals in Croatia who are yet to learn their rights and possibilities provided by the mechanisms and legal framework of the internal market.

Overall, the handbook provides the useful guidelines for the database searching and makes the great introduction to the EU case law on internal market. The fact that it is written in English language and accessible online for free, makes its usage more universal and more available to the wider public.

However the given story is still untold to the end. The theoretical part of the European Market Law along with the analysis of its primary and secondary sources is yet to be written to round off and complete the topic. Hopefully the textbook written in the same manner will be published soon.