

Summary

Renewable energy law in Poland and Germany

The issue of renewable energy sources (OZE) is one of the most significant fields of scientific research related to energy law. The incentive to undertake the scientific studies whose findings are presented here came from the Law on Renewable Energy Sources of 20th February 2015, which is to lead to the accomplishment of goals set out in the European Union directive 2009/28/WE from 23rd April 2009 with regard to promoting the use of such energy sources. However, it very quickly proved to be the case that the Polish regulations required further amendments to generate energy from renewable sources more efficiently. It is not only in Poland that the law on renewable energy is 'constantly being renewed', and this is evidenced by other European Union member states. A good example of this is German legislation, a country with an extremely advanced renewable energy sector.

The aim of the papers in this volume was to capture the essence of changes happening in Poland and Germany. The contributions are organised by subject into three parts. Part One is devoted to wind energy. The principles for the construction of wind generators constitute one of the thorniest issues in both Poland and Germany. Part Two is devoted to the financial assistance offered to generators of energy from renewable sources. Part Three deals with issues related to the investment process and how manufacturing plants function. Particular papers in this volume look at the principles underpinning the commencement of business operations, issuing building permits for wind generator sites, connecting renewable energy installations to the grid, the risks wind generators pose to protected species, generating energy in photovoltaic installations, producing energy from agricultural biogas, generating electricity from prosumers' installations, the principles of the auction system, guaranteeing that energy produced comes from renewable sources and balancing the energy introduced into the system.

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