

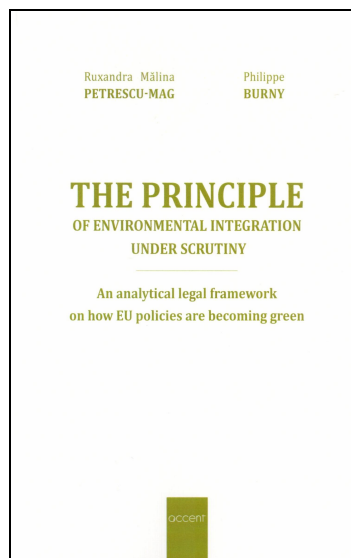
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Book Review: The Principle of Environmental Integration under Scrutiny. An Analytical Legal Framework on How EU Policies Are Becoming Green. Ruxandra Malina Petrescu-Mag & Philippe Burny. 2015. Cluj-Napoca: Accent. 224 pages. ISBN 978-606-561-126-9

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The authors present a broad analysis of the Principle of Environmental Integration (PEI), with a special focus on its legal dimension, as opposed to other publications, which approach it mostly as a policy objective. The “architecture” of the book meshes well with its organization and the choice of the topics guarantees the understanding of the nature and legal dimension of this principle. The authors supply an in-depth analysis of various aspects related to the PEI, embodied in five chapters: CHAPTER I. The Long Way to the Principle of Environmental Integration: A Conceptual Approach; CHAPTER II. The Principle of Environmental Integration: The Legal Dimension and Its Reflection in International, EU and National Documents; CHAPTER III. Institutional/Subsidiary Body Framework Committed to PEI Promotion. A Short Overview; CHAPTER IV. The Green Face of EU Sectoral Policies: Agriculture, Energy and Business; and CHAPTER V. Final Remarks. Each chapter is broken down into sections, which fit logically into the topic of the book. The sections include, for example: “Defining Principles and Rules”, “International and EU Dimension of PEI”, “Greening Europe’s Agriculture”, “The EU Policy for Business Sector. A Green Vision”. The first chapter is dedicated to several concepts, which clarify the difference between a principle and a rule or what integration, policy and environmental

policy integration are. The second chapter takes under debate the question if and to what extent, in EU law, PEI and environmental principles, in general, can deploy legal effects, an issue that is controversial in the scientific environment. The third chapter shows how environmental integration can be enhanced by the incorporation of environmental knowledge in human decisions and institutions. Chapter four argues that the PEI should be interpreted in such a way that the environmental policy should be horizontal and cover all areas with environmental impact, and here the focus was placed on agriculture, energy, and business. The inclusion of special chapters dedicated to organic farming it is welcome due to the paramount importance of the sector, both in Romania and in Belgium. The book is completed by concise conclusions and a thorough bibliography, all the material being well-referenced. The paper under discussion is based on an extensive literature review of PEI, that is provided especially to offer valuable conceptual clarifications. The book topic addresses to a readership interested in interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary and multidisciplinary environmental issues related to law, policy, economics, agricultural and life sciences. This global approach represents one of the main assets of the work, which certainly is due to the scientific background of the authors.

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