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FINANCING THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES IN THE COMMUNITARIAN SPACE

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Abstract

The 6th action program of the EU, about the environmental policies, entitled “The 2010 Environment: Our Future, Our Choice”, stimulates the developing of the EC environmental policies, finalizing and establishing clearly the objectives and interventions for the next decade, determining the activity which must be made in a period of 5-10 years. The new EU Program presents a series of thematic strategies that mainly aim to confront the persisting environment problems within the next seven years (atmospheric pollution, scrap recycling, soil protection, pesticides, urban and marine environments and resources) and also four other main domains (climate change, nature and diversity, environment, health and quality of life, natural resources and scrap). The objective of this paper is to analyze the way in which the EC allows access to financing instruments for the environmental policies for the period 2007-2013, varying with certain criteria (such as the size and density of each member state’s population, the importance of certain communitarian surfaces etc). Taking into consideration that the financing and fiscal policies will have a decisive role in the next year, concerning the realization of the communitarian environmental policies’ objectives, the authors have set to present and analyze these financing instruments, essential in maintaining this policy type’s sustainability, but also in sending a clear signal to the investors and consumers.

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