

Law and Sustainable Development: Certain Aspects of Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in Ukraine's National Legislation

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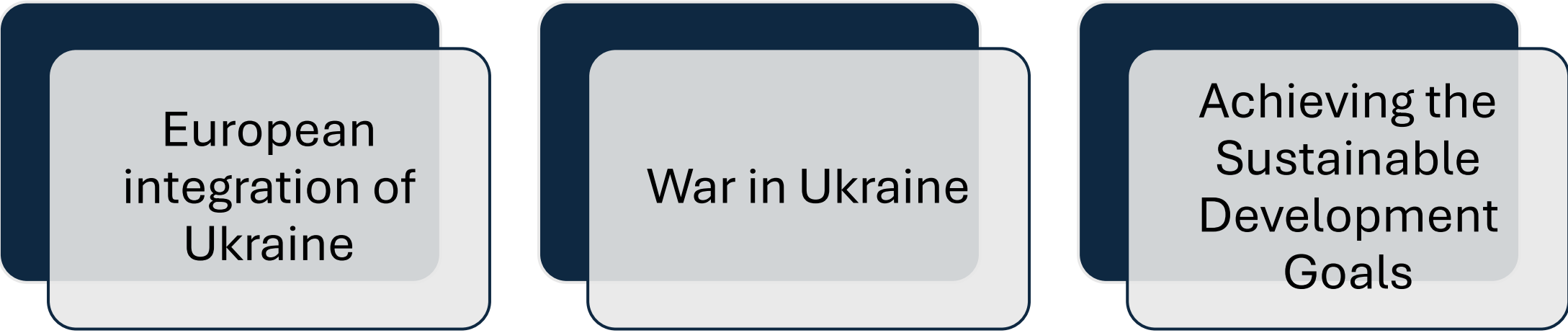
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Modern challenges for the national legal system



European
integration of
Ukraine

War in Ukraine

Achieving the
Sustainable
Development
Goals

In 2015, at the 70th session of the UN General Assembly in New York, the UN Summit on Sustainable Development was held, at which new development goals were approved. The final document of the summit, "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", approved by the UN General Assembly resolution, defines 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 supporting tasks.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



- Like other UN member states, Ukraine has joined the global process of sustainable development. A joint and inclusive process of adaptation of the SDGs to the Ukrainian context was launched, aimed at creating a national strategic framework for Ukraine until 2030. Each global goal has been revised taking into account a specific national context.
- The process of setting goals and establishing a framework for further monitoring has initiated a national discourse on measuring social progress in general and improving Ukraine's national legislative system in the field of sustainable development.

The Transformative Impact of the SDGs on the Legal System of Ukraine

Impact:

Deep penetration into the private and public spheres

Formation of new approaches to the regulation of social relations

The need to adapt legislation to changing conditions

Consequences:

Growing the role of law in ensuring the stability of the state

Rethinking Legal Mechanisms in the Context of Global Challenges

Legal support of sustainable development

Integrating the principles of sustainable development

Ukrainian legislation gradually considers environmental, economic and social standards of sustainable development.

Harmonization with international standards

It is important to harmonize national laws with international standards to achieve effective implementation of development goals.

Updating the legislative framework

Constant updating of legislation is necessary to meet the modern requirements of sustainable development



Legislation:

◆ Decree of the President of Ukraine No. 722/2019 "On the Sustainable Development Goals of Ukraine for the period up to 2030"

Purpose of the document:

- Ensuring sustainable development of the economy, society and the state
- Guaranteeing respect for the constitutional rights and freedoms of the individual

◆ Order of the Cabinet of Ministers "Some Issues of Ensuring the Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Ukraine" (dated November 29, 2024, No. 1190), which approved national tasks, indicators of their achievement, targets until 2030 and identified coordinators for each SDG.

On January 30, 2025, the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers presented a presentation on the Sustainable Development Goals during the bilateral meeting of Ukraine and the European Commission within the framework of the official screening of the compliance of Ukrainian legislation with EU law under the negotiation Chapter 30 "External Relations".

<https://www.kmu.gov.ua/diyalnist/cili-stalogo-rozvitku-ta-ukrayina>



Sustainable Development and Legal Science

The relationship between sustainable development and law is becoming an important direction of modern scientific research of public law and private law relations. There is a need to study the legal aspects of sustainable development.

Law is a necessary tool in achieving sustainable development and ensuring the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

- The legal doctrine in the field of sustainable development, in contrast to the economic doctrine in Ukraine, is in its infancy. To date, there is a limited number of scientific publications on the relationship between sustainable development and law.
- Today, legal science should expand the directions of scientific research, because in the context of sustainable development, law cannot remain aloof from the environment, economy and social sphere.
- Sustainable development is closely related to the provision and observance of human rights.

Sustainable development and law

Are there any obstacles in national legislation to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals?

Are the existing regulatory mechanisms sufficient to implement the Sustainable Development Goals?

Are the existing legal mechanisms consistent with the principles of sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Strategy of Ukraine?

What impact do international acts in the field of sustainable development have on the transformation of national legislation and public policy?

How can law ensure a balance between the needs of modern society and the protection of the interests of future generations?

Sustainable Development and Private Law

- There is a growing need to study the relationship between sustainable development and private law, as the economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainable development penetrate deeply into the field of private law and private relations, transforming civil law, intellectual property law, private international law, contract law, investment law, corporate law, family law.

- Investment, construction, manufacture and sale of goods are regulated by private contracts, and the extraction and use of natural resources is based on the principles of private property.
- Private law also regulates the observance of labor rights, the provision of decent working conditions, non-discrimination, consumer protection, the production of products, the provision of services and the disclosure of information about the social, economic and environmental aspects of the activities of enterprises.
- Although the right to education, protection of children's rights, care and respect for the best interests of the child belong to different areas, they are closely intertwined with the Sustainable Development Goals.



Today, it is important to clarify the issue of how sustainable development affects private law and how the existing legislative framework affects the implementation of the principles of sustainable development in Ukraine.

The principles of sustainable development will be one of the factors that will influence the gradual change of the doctrine of private law of Ukraine through social, environmental and economic standards that will penetrate the regulation of contractual, corporate, labor and family relations.

ВИСНОВОК

Sustainable development must be based on the observance, provision and development of human rights in an indissoluble union with the economic and environmental component

The implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals requires not only strategies, but also peace, security and legal stability

Thank you!