

**UČNI NAČRT PREDMETA / COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Predmet:** PRAVO OKOLJA  
**Course title:** ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Študijski program in stopnja Study programme and level	Študijska smer Study field	Letnik Academic year	Semester Semester
Varstvo okolja in ekotehnologije, 2. stopnja	/	1.	/
Environmental Protection and Eco-technologies, 2 <sup>nd</sup> level	/	1 <sup>st</sup>	/

**Vrsta predmeta / Course type** Obvezni predmet / Obligatory course

**Univerzitetna koda predmeta / University course code:** PO

Predavanja Lectures	Sem. vaje Tutorial	Lab. vaje Laboratory work	Teren. vaje Field work	Samost. delo Individ. work	ECTS
30	20	/	10	120	6

**Nosilec predmeta / Lecturer:** doc. dr. Maša Kovič Dine

**Jeziki / Languages:**  
**Predavanja / Lectures:** Slovenščina / Slovenian  
**Vaje / Tutorial:** Slovenščina / Slovenian

**Pogoji za vključitev v delo oz. za opravljanje študijskih obveznosti:**

Pogojev ni.

**Prerequisites:**

No formal prerequisites.

**Vsebina:**

Predmet je sestavljen iz 6 temeljni sklopov, ki pokrivajo sledeče poglavitne teme.

**Poglavitne teme:**

- Uvod v pravo in pravni sistem
- Temeljna načela okoljskega prava
- Mednarodno okoljsko pravo in okoljsko pravo EU
- Nacionalno okoljsko pravo – ureditev v Sloveniji
- Vloga javnosti in pravice nevladnih organizacij
- Dostop javnosti do pravnega varstva

**Content (Syllabus outline):**

The course consists of six basic modules covering the following main topics.

**Main topics:**

- Introduction to law and the legal system
- Fundamental principles of environmental law
- International environmental law and EU environmental law
- National environmental law – regulations in Slovenia
- The role of the public and the rights of non-governmental organizations
- Public access to legal protection

**Temeljna literatura in viri / Textbooks:**

**Obvezna / Required:**

1. Zakon o varstvu okolja (ZVO-2)
2. Štoparski vodnik po varstvu okolja
3. Senka ŠIFKOVIČ VRBICA, Varstvo okolja v slovenski pravni praksi, Podjetje in delo, let. 46, št. 6/7 (2020).
4. Evropska komisija: Povzetki okoljske zakonodaje EU

**Priporočena / Recommended:**

1. Aleksandra SAMAC, Pravica do zdravega okolja v Evropski uniji in Sloveniji, Urbani izziv, št. 10 (2020).

**Cilji in kompetence:****Predmetno specifični cilji in kompetence:**

Študenti bodo po uspešno opravljenem predmetu sposobni:

- razumeti temeljne pravne koncepte in vire okoljskega prava (nacionalno, EU, mednarodno pravo),
- prepoznati ključna načela okoljskega prava (načelo previdnosti, preprečevanja, onesnaževalec plača, trajnostni razvoj),
- razumeti institucionalni okvir varstva okolja (uprava, inšpekcije, sodišča, EU institucije),
- kritično analizirati konkretne okoljske probleme skozi pravno prizmo,
- uporabiti osnovna pravna orodja pri okoljskih projektih, presojah vplivov na okolje (PVO/CPVO), dovoljenjih in upravnih postopkih,
- razumeti vlogo javnosti, nevladnih organizacij in pravice do sodelovanja pri okoljskem odločanju (Aarhuška konvencija).

**Splošne kompetence:**

Študent pridobi:

- temeljno pravno pismenost na področju varstva okolja,
- sposobnost interdisciplinarnega razumevanja okoljskih problemov (pravo–naravoslovje–politike),
- sposobnost kritične presoje okoljskih politik in projektov,
- osnovne veščine branja in razlage pravnih aktov (zakon, uredba, direktiva, sodba).

**Objectives and competences:****Specific competences:**

After successfully completing the course, students will be able to:

- understand the fundamental legal concepts and sources of environmental law (national, EU, international law),
- recognize the key principles of environmental law (precautionary principle, prevention, polluter pays, sustainable development),
- understand the institutional framework of environmental protection (administration, inspections, courts, EU institutions),
- critically analyze specific environmental problems through a legal lens,
- apply basic legal tools in environmental projects, environmental impact assessments (EIA/EIA), permits, and administrative procedures,
- understand the role of the public, non-governmental organizations, and the right to participate in environmental decision-making (Aarhus Convention).

**General competences:**

Students will acquire:

- basic legal literacy in the field of environmental protection,
- the ability to understand environmental problems in an interdisciplinary manner (law–natural sciences–politics),
- the ability to critically assess environmental policies and projects,

- basic skills in reading and interpreting legal acts (laws, regulations, directives, judgments).

#### **Predvideni študijski rezultati:**

##### **Znanje in razumevanje:**

Študent bo ob zaključku predmeta sposoben:

- razumeti temeljne pojme in načela okoljskega prava ter njihov pomen v slovenskem pravnem redu;
- razložiti institucionalni in normativni okvir varstva okolja v Sloveniji (ustavni okvir, ZVO-2, ključni postopki in dovoljenja);
- pojasniti vlogo javnosti in mehanizme dostopa do pravnega varstva v okoljskih zadevah ter osnovno razmerje do prava EU in mednarodnega prava.

##### **Prenosljive/ključne spretnosti in drugi atributi:**

Študent bo ob zaključku predmeta sposoben:

- osnovno interpretirati pravna besedila in jih uporabiti pri analizi konkretnih okoljskih primerov;
- interdisciplinarno povezovati pravne vidike z okoljskimi, tehničnimi in družbenimi vidiki problemov;
- argumentirano in strokovno predstaviti pravne vidike okoljskih vprašanj v pisni in ustni obliki ter sodelovati v strokovni razpravi.

#### **Intended learning outcomes:**

##### **Knowledge and understanding:**

At the end of the subject, student will be able:

- understand the basic concepts and principles of environmental law and their significance in the Slovenian legal system;
- explain the institutional and normative framework for environmental protection in Slovenia (constitutional framework, ZVO-2, key procedures and permits);
- explain the role of the public and the mechanisms for access to legal protection in environmental matters, as well as the basic relationship with EU and international law.

##### **Transferable/key skills and other attributes:**

At the end of the subject, student will be able:

- interpret legal texts and apply them in the analysis of specific environmental cases;
- interdisciplinarily link legal aspects with environmental, technical, and social aspects of problems;
- present the legal aspects of environmental issues in a reasoned and professional manner, both in writing and orally, and participate in professional discussions.

#### **Metode poučevanja in učenja:**

##### **Oblike dela:**

- Predavanja, seminarske vaje in praktično delo

##### **Metode dela:**

- problemsko učenje (problem-based learning),
- študije primerov (case studies),
- kratka pravna besedila z razlago pojmov,
- delo v skupinah,
- razprave (npr. konflikt med varstvom okolja in gospodarskim razvojem).

#### **Learning and teaching methods:**

##### **Forms of teaching:**

- Lectures, seminars, and practical work.

##### **Teaching methods:**

- problem-based learning,
- case studies,
- short legal texts with explanations of terms,
- group work,
- discussions (e.g., the conflict between environmental protection and economic development).

**Načini ocenjevanja:**Delež (v %) /  
Weight (in %)**Assessment:**

<p>Pogoj za pristop k izpitu: sodelovanje na predavanjih.</p> <p>Kočno oceno študent pridobi na ustnem izpitu.</p>	<p><b>100%</b></p>	<p>A prerequisite for access to the exam: participation in class.</p> <p>The final grade is obtained by the student at an oral exam.</p>
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**Materialni pogoji za izvedbo predmeta :**

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**Material conditions for subject realization:****Obveznosti študentov:**

Udeležba predavanj, seminarskih vaj in izvedba praktične naloge.

**Student's commitments:**

Attendance at lectures, seminars, and completion of practical assignments.

**Reference nosilca predmeta:****Pedagoško delo:**

- Med 2012 in 2019 – asistentka na Pravni fakulteti v Ljubljani
- Med 2019 do danes – docentka na Pravni fakulteti v Ljubljani in na Fakulteti za varstvo okolja
- Nosilka predmetov: Okoljska zakonodaja in pravo varstva okolja na 1. stopnji ter Pravo okolja 2. stopnji na Fakulteti za varstvo okolja, Mednarodno javno pravo, Diplomatsko in konzularno pravo, Pravo morja, Izbrana poglavja mednarodnega prava, Mednarodno kazensko pravo, Mednarodno pravo oboroženih spopadov in International Environmental Law na Pravni fakulteti Univerze v Ljubljani.
- Mentorica ekip študentov, ki se udeležujejo tekmovanj iz mednarodnega prava
- Vodja Mednarodnopravne okoljske klinike za študente na Pravni fakulteti Univerze v Ljubljani.
- Predavateljica na International Civilian Peacebuilding Training Programme: Specialization Course on Environmental Peacebuilding, Austrian Centre for Peace

**Lecturer's references:****Pedagogic activities:**

- Between 2012 and 2019 – Assistant at the Faculty of Law in Ljubljana
- From 2019 to present – assistant professor at the Faculty of Law in Ljubljana and the Faculty of Environmental Protection
- Lecturer in: Environmental Legislation and Environmental Protection Law at the 1st level and Environmental Law at the 2nd level at the Faculty of Environmental Protection, International Public Law, Diplomatic and Consular Law, Law of the Sea, Selected Topics in International Law, International Criminal Law, International Law of Armed Conflict, and International Environmental Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana.
- Mentor of teams of students participating in international law competitions
- Head of the International Environmental Law Clinic for students at the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana.

- Predavateljica predmeta Transnacionalno okoljsko pravo, Pravne fakultete Univerze v Antwerpnu (od 2023)
- Gostujoča raziskovalka, Pravne fakultete Univerze v Miamiu, avg.–nov. 2023 – raziskave o vlogi mest pri podnebni politiki

#### **Znanstveno-raziskovalno delo:**

- Vodja projekta: (Re)konceptualizacija pravne paradigme glede podnebnih sprememb: Razvoj nove pravne normalnosti za doseganje trajnostnih praks (ARIS, 2023-2026)
- Raziskovalka v projektu: Platforma za turistično in rekreativno rabo gozdov (MOP in ARRS, 2016–2018)
- Nacionalna strokovnjakinja v projektu: Pravno raziskovanje plastike – vrečke, mikrodelci, plastika za enkratno uporabo (UNEP in WRI, 2015)
- Raziskovalka v projektu: Clean Mediterranean Sea! – CMS (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights – Research Association, Avstrija, 2020-2023)
- Članica COST Action: European Network for Environmental Citizenship (ENEC), kot članica Upravnega odbora projekta (Cyprus Center for Environmental Research and Education (CYCERE), Ciper 2017-2022)
- Članica projekta: EU-AarkO – European Implementation of the Aarhus Convention in the Digital Age (Unabhängiges Institute für Umweltfragen, Berlin, Nemčija, 2020-2021)
- Članica COST Action: Social Sciences and Humanities for Transformation and Climate Resilience (SHiFT) (Nova University Lisbon, Portugalska, 2022-2026)

#### **Strokovno delo in izbrane strokovne publikacije:**

- Tajnik in blagajničarka Slovenske sekcije Mednarodnega združenja za mednarodno pravo (ILA)
- Podpredsednica Društva za Združene narode Slovenije
- Predstavnica Slovenije v Svetovni komisiji za okoljsko pravo (WCEL) pri IUCN
- Članica delovne skupine WCEL IUCN za pravice narave
- Članica Evropskega združenja za mednarodno pravo (ESIL)
- Članica mreže pravnikov za okolje Zagovorniki okolja v Sloveniji
- Sodelovanje pri pripravi pisnih stališč Slovenije v postopkih za pridobitev svetovalnega mnenja Meddržavnega sodišča v primeru Pravne posledice politik in praks Izraela na zasednem palestinskem ozemlju, vključno z Vzhodnim Jeruzalemom in v primeru Obveznosti Izraela v zvezi s prisotnostjo in dejavnostmi Združenih narodov, drugih mednarodnih organizacij in tretjih držav na zasednem palestinskem ozemlju in v zvezi z njim.
- Članica Strokovnega sveta za mednarodnopravne zadeve, posvetovalno telo glavnega pravnega svetovalca Ministrstva za zunanje in evropske zadeve.

#### **Priznanja in nagrade:**

- Uvrstitev med najboljših 10 % predavateljev na Pravni fakulteti Univerze v Ljubljani po študentskih anketah vsako leto od 2018 dalje.

- Lecturer at the International Civilian Peacebuilding Training Programme: Specialization Course on Environmental Peacebuilding, Austrian Centre for Peace
- Lecturer in Transnational Environmental Law, Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp (from 2023)
- Visiting researcher, University of Miami School of Law, Aug.–Nov. 2023 – research on the role of cities in climate policy

#### **Scientific and research work:**

- Vodja projekta: (Re)konceptualizacija pravne paradigme glede podnebnih sprememb: Razvoj nove pravne normalnosti za doseganje trajnostnih praks (ARIS, 2023-2026)
- Raziskovalka v projektu: Platforma za turistično in rekreativno rabo gozdov (MOP in ARRS, 2016–2018)
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#### **Professional work and selected professional publications:**

- Secretary and Treasurer of the Slovenian Section of the International Association of International Law (ILA)
- Vice-President of the United Nations Association of Slovenia
- Representative of Slovenia in the World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) at IUCN
- Member of the WCEL IUCN working group on the rights of nature
- Member of the European Society of International Law (ESIL)
- Member of the network of environmental lawyers Environmental Advocates in Slovenia
- Participation in the preparation of Slovenia's written submissions in the proceedings for obtaining an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice in the case of Legal Consequences of Israel's Policies and Practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the case of Israel's Obligations relating to the Presence and Activities of the United Nations, Other International Organizations and Third Countries in and relating to the Occupied Palestinian Territory.
- Member of the Expert Council for International Legal Affairs, an advisory body to the Chief Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs.

- Nagrada za najboljšo doktorsko disertacijo na področju dela Združenih narodov – podeljena s strani Društva za Združene narode za Slovenijo.

**Awards:**

- Ranked among the top 10% of lecturers at the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, according to student surveys every year since 2018.
- Award for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of United Nations work – awarded by the United Nations Association of Slovenia.

**Izbrani znanstveni članki / Selected scientific papers:**

Maša KOVIČ DINE, “*Cities and Social Rights*”, v Christina Binder, Jane A Hofbauer, Flávia Piovesan, Amaya Úbeda de Torres (ur.) *Research Handbook on International Law and Social Rights (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)*, Edward Elgar Publishing, izide marec 2026.

Maša KOVIČ DINE, “*Speaking for the rights of nature*” v Brears, Robert C. (ur.), LINDLEY, Jade (ur.) *The Palgrave handbook of environmental policy and law*, Cham, Palgrave Macmillan, 2025.

Maša KOVIČ DINE, “*AI and Public Participation: Can the Smart Cities' models be Applied to the Right to Participate in Environmental Decision-Making with implications for the Right to Life?*”, v Vasilka Sancin (ur.) *Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights: From the Right to Life to A Myriad of Diverse Human Rights Implications*, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law Press, izide sept 2026

Maša KOVIČ DINE, “*Testing the Climate Readiness of the International Regime on Terrestrial Protected Areas?*”, v Jaqueline Peel and Sandrine Maljean-Dubois (eds.), *Hague Academy of International Law Centre for Studies and Research: Climate Change and International Law* Brill, 2023

Maša KOVIČ DINE, Vasilka SANCIN, “*Emerging awareness of climate change litigation in Slovenia*”, Sancin and Kovič Dine, v Sindico, Mbengue (eds.), *Comparative climate change litigation: beyond the usual suspects*, Cham: Springer, 2021.

Maša KOVIČ DINE, »*Podnebne tožbe v mednarodnem okolju*«, *Podjetje in delo*, letn. 46, 6-7, 2020.

Maša KOVIČ DINE, “*Consequences of the recognition of forest protection as a common concern of humankind for the Anthropocene*”, v Lim (ed.), *Charting environmental law futures in the anthropocene*, Singapore: Springer, 2019.

Maša KOVIČ DINE, “*Right to Development: Driver for Extraterritorial Application of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*”, v Lorenzmeier (ed.), *Modern Aspects of Human Rights Protection in National, European and International Law*, Augsburg: Nomos, 2017.

Maša KOVIČ DINE, Vasilka SANCIN, “*Ensuring access to safe drinking water as an imperative of sustainable development*”, Mauerhofer (ed.), *Legal aspects of sustainable development: horizontal and sectorial policy issues* Springer, 2016.