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LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

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The fight against climate change is one of the priorities in the policy of the international community. In the Serbia, the energy sector is the largest source of GHG, but it is also the sector with the greatest potential for the application of mitigation measures. In this paper are discussed legal frameworks relevant for the protection of the climate change in the Republic of Serbia (RS). There was also emphasized the need for further harmonization of national legislation with international trends in the field of climate change, as well as with the obligations arising from ratified international documents and the process of European integration. Within the RS obligations towards the EU in the field of climate change, further alignment with EU policies is necessary such as objectives 20-20-20 and requirements for monitoring and reporting. The authors suggest that there is still a need to improve institutional and legal framework at both national and local levels. RS has established important components of the institutional and legal framework for the purposes of the fight against climate change. At the same time, there remains a need for their improvement, as well as capacity and knowledge building within relevant and competent institutions both at national and local levels, but also at the level of general public.

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