

## **PhD thesis summary**

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**Title:** *Legal aspects of public aid in the agricultural sector*

This doctoral dissertation deals with the specificity of state aid in the agricultural sector. The main purpose of the dissertation was to discuss administrative and legal issues related to the subject of state aid in the agricultural sector, to discuss the threats to competition on the market related to granting state aid and to show how the law stimulates innovation and development of the agricultural sector.

For this purpose, the following fundamental thesis was formulated: Public aid in the agricultural sector is a legal institution that allows to influence the functioning of agriculture in a determinant way. However, in a proper manner and in accordance with the *de lege ferenda* provisions, it is justified to introduce new forms of aid measures, as well as to improve the excessive generality and the lack of transparent control procedures over its granting.

The dissertation consists of three main parts. The first part, devoted to theoretical considerations, presents the following issues within 6 chapters. The first chapter presents the key concepts related to the topic of the dissertation. The second chapter is devoted to the genesis of state aid and *de minimis* aid. The next chapter deals with the issues of the sources of law and selected jurisprudence. The fourth chapter is devoted to the presentation of domestic entities participating in procedures related to granting state aid, and the fifth chapter presents the EU entities in an analogous manner. The end of the first part is a summary and presentation of conclusions. The second part of the dissertation is devoted to the analysis of practical instruments. In the first chapter, as part of an introduction to the subject, selected practical instruments using state aid in the agricultural sector were presented. The second chapter refers to the characteristics of the Frosts 2017 and Hurricane 2017 programs as model relief measures. The third part of the dissertation is a summary of the issues discussed in the work on the axiological and legal level, consists of a chapter devoted in a way to specific issues of legal and non-legal determinants of the development of public aid in the agricultural sector and a chapter devoted to a detailed analysis of the conclusions contained in the dissertation.

The legal status as of February 1, 2020 was taken into account in the dissertation.