

REVIEW
of the scientific article

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“Harmonization of International Standards and the National Legal System Regarding
the Institutional Development of Civil Society Entities”

The submitted scientific article is devoted to a comprehensive analysis of the issues related to the harmonization of international standards with the national legal system in the context of the institutional development of civil society entities. The chosen topic is undoubtedly relevant, as the adaptation of national legislation to European legal standards constitutes one of the key directions of legal reform in Ukraine, particularly in light of the intensification of European integration processes and the need to ensure the sustainable development of democratic institutions.

The author demonstrates a thorough scientific approach to the research, consistently revealing both theoretical and practical aspects of the functioning of civil society. The paper convincingly emphasizes that civil society institutions are an integral component of a democratic state, performing the function of representing citizens' interests and contributing to the establishment of effective dialogue between society and the state. Particular attention is paid to the identification of the essential characteristics of such institutions, including autonomy, voluntariness, non-profit nature, and organizational independence.

A significant advantage of the article is the systematic analysis of international standards governing the activities of non-governmental organizations. The author provides a detailed examination of the provisions of the recommendations of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, as well as the fundamental principles governing the functioning of public associations, which define their legal status, procedures for establishment, operation, and interaction with public authorities. The paper logically emphasizes that the implementation of such standards contributes to increasing legal certainty, transparency, and accountability in the activities of civil society institutions.

An important element of the research is the analysis of the current state of civil society development in Ukraine. The author reasonably notes that, despite positive progress in harmonizing national legislation with European standards, certain issues remain related to the practical implementation of the relevant norms. In particular, attention is drawn to the insufficient level of financial support for non-governmental organizations, the limited mechanisms for their participation in public policy-making, as well as the influence of political and socio-economic factors on the development of civil society.

It is noteworthy that the author does not limit the study to merely identifying existing problems but also formulates well-grounded conclusions regarding the necessity for further improvement of the national legal system. In this regard, the paper possesses not only theoretical but also practical significance, as it may be used in the development of legislative initiatives and in improving mechanisms of interaction between the state and civil society institutions.

At the same time, it would be advisable to expand the comparative legal aspect of the study, particularly through a more detailed analysis of the experience of individual European countries in implementing international standards. In addition, strengthening the empirical component of the research, for example through the use of statistical data or analysis of specific case studies, would enhance the practical relevance of the obtained results.

Overall, the article is characterized by a high level of scientific reasoning, logical consistency in the presentation of the material, a clear structure, and compliance with the

requirements of academic writing. The language is precise, terminologically accurate, and consistent with modern standards of scientific style.

The scientific article by Yaryna Bohiv constitutes an independent, complete, and relevant study that is of significant importance for the development of legal science and practice. The work meets the established requirements for academic publications and may be recommended for publication in a specialized scientific journal.

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