



Zoltán Nagy (Ed.), *Regulation of Public Finances in Light of Financial Constitutionality. Analysis on Certain Central and Eastern European Countries* (CEA Publishing, 2022)

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In 2022, Central European Academic Publishing published “Regulation of Public Finances in Light of Financial Constitutionality”, edited by Prof. Zoltán Nagy. This book is the first instalment in the book series “Legal Studies on Central Europe”, which focuses on various aspects of Central European public finance law. The primary goal of the series is to present and discuss legal issues relevant to the Central European region while considering the traditions, culture and mindset of the countries in the area. Other volumes in the series will cover more than private and public law and legal and integration history topics; the aim is to produce international law-related publications and analyses as well. The books are intended for university lecturers and legal practitioners with an interest in contemporary legal issues concerning the countries of Central Europe. Furthermore, the book cited in the title serves as a textbook for the Public Finance Law module of the CEU’s Ph.D. programmes, providing a comprehensive overview of the national regulations and a comparative legal presentation of various Central European countries.

This book can be helpful for professionals working in financial law to understand Central European financial regulations better and may provide valuable insights for researchers. The countries of Central Europe have undergone similar economic transformations over the past few decades, which have created similar problems for their societies. Hence, reviewing whether their legal solutions have been successful or fell short in addressing these issues will be helpful. Furthermore, the jurisprudence of these countries may provide important lessons for the future if legislators can learn from each other’s specific regulatory measures.

The book’s first part deals with theoretical issues related to public finances, introducing the fundamental characteristics of the legal institutions involved in their regulation and their integration into the economic and legal systems. Understanding basic economic phenomena makes interpreting legal institutions and concepts possible. The book enables readers to understand the state’s role in the economy and the concept and significance of money in a system for regulating public finances.

The book’s second part discusses the national regulatory models of individual Central European countries. The national models illustrate each country’s development and system of public financial regulation, highlighting particular fiscal rules in the light of constitutionality. The book covers the legislation of several countries, focusing on Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia. The authors reflect the composition

of the countries covered; all are competent, professionals with many years of theoretical and practical experience in the field and edit each national chapter. Among them are Tereza Rogic Lugaric, associate professor (Department of Financial Law and Financial Sciences, University of Zagreb); Irena Klemencic, assistant professor (Department of Financial Law and Financial Sciences, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb); Gábor Hulkó, associate professor (Department of Administrative and Fiscal Law, Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Széchenyi István University, Győr) and Michal Radvan, associate professor (Department of Financial Law and Economics, Masaryk University, Brno); Mariusz Poplawski, professor (Department of Public Finance and Financial Law, Faculty of Law, University of Bialystok); Ion Brad, assistant professor (Department of Legal Sciences, Faculty of Sciences and Arts, Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania, Cluj-Napoca); Goran Milosevic, professor (Department of Economic Law, Faculty of Law, University of Novi Sad); Miroslav Strkolec, professor (Department of Financial and Tax Law, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Pavol Jozef Safarik University, Kosice) and Rado Bohinc, professor (Comparative Law Research Center, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana). The diverse team of authors thus also guarantees the comprehensive coverage of each book chapter.

Furthermore, the reader can gain from the comparative analysis of national regulations in the book's third part, which analyses different national solutions and highlights similar and outlying regulatory models. All in all, the authors have created a useful book in the field of public finance law, which will expand the knowledge and understanding of finance for Ph.D. students and legal practitioners working in other areas of law.

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