

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HUNGARIAN LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

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Abstract: *The basic idea of the protection of the irreplaceable property with the outstanding value belonging to the group of the cultural heritage appeared more hundred years ago. At the same time the European legal regulations concerning the protection of cultural heritage became stronger from the fifties, thanks to the results of the World War II's destructions. International conventions were accepted following each other in order to establish the international level of the protection. According to the international tendency, the legal basis of the protection of cultural property had been expanded and modernized continuously in Hungary.*

In the Hungarian legislation the Act of the protection of cultural heritage passed in 2001 can be characterized as a cornerstone. The above mentioned Act founded the notion of the unified protection of cultural heritage, at the same time the legal institution of the integrated heritage protection, which tendency was in accordance with the international trends. The Act of 2001 and the joined legal regulations radically transformed the system of the administrative authorities dealing with the heritage protection and their tasks.

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