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Within the context of the preparation for Bulgaria's EU accession, this exploratory study of the development of environmental policy in Bulgaria documents and analyses the status of harmonisation of environmental laws in Bulgaria in light of the relevant political, economic, legal and social framework.

One year after concrete negotiations on the accession of Bulgaria to the European Union have started, the European Commission has finalised its progress reports on the status of the harmonisation process. Significant further tasks to prepare for accession of the Balkan states are identified in these reports. This book is the most up-to-date report on the current status of environmental policy and legal development in Bulgaria. Environmental problems and their causes, the development of the environmental policy during the transformation process and the status of harmonisation with the EU environmental laws are analysed in light of Bulgaria's political, economic, legal and social framework. On this basis, further actions and advice on the process of harmonisation and the development of Bulgarian environmental policy are elaborated upon.

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