

## Worksheet 6 (for lecture 6) – Environmental Policy in the Central European Context course

I advise you to work through the following problems /questions well and as a group (make sure though that no one is free-riding); it's the ticket to performing reasonably well on the exams. Number of points indicates the expected scope of the answer (should roughly correspond to time in minutes).

- 1) **[15 points]** Which were the most pressing environmental problems after the fall of communism in CR? What was the main goal of the government and which were the main measures implemented? Which features of the economy in transition helped to improve the environment after 1989? Would you say that the CR was successful in tackling the most serious environmental problems? Discuss.
- 2) **[10 points]** What would you call the greatest success and the greatest failure of the environmental protection in CR between 1989 and 2004 (looking for your opinion here)? Explain and discuss.
- 3) **[10 points]** Which would you say are the current issues of environmental protection in CR, but in Europe as well? What features of modern society and/or international context contributes to that problem? What can be done to improve the situation on national and/or international level (also here, no right answer in mind, looking for your opinion, lecture notes could help, though)? Discuss.
- 4) **[5 points]** Are there any environmental issues, inherited from the communist era, which have not been resolved sufficiently by now? What could be the reasons behind the poor improvement in some areas?
- 5) **[10 points]** Which areas of environmental protection were the most financially demanding shortly after the Velvet revolution (or, in other words where did the most of the money go)? Could you think of the reasons why?
- 6) **[10 points]** Which economic and financial instruments of environmental protection in the Czech Republic have we discussed? Sort them according to what kind of stimuli (positive or negative) they use. Pick one that you find poorly designed or implemented in CR, explain why, and how it could be improved.
- 7) **[10 points]** Which voluntary programs are implemented in CR? Briefly describe the basic principles of voluntary instruments (why they are expected to work?). What are the potential (practical) drawbacks? (Explain using an example from the CR.)
- 8) **[10 points]** “The term sustainable transport came into use as a logical follow-on from sustainable development, and is used to describe modes of transport, and systems of transport planning, which are consistent with wider concerns of sustainability. Sustainable transport systems make a positive contribution to the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the communities they serve.” [Wikipedia] Discuss in light of transportation data and (environmental) policies that we reviewed in class.