

Yermenchuk O.P. Private sector as an important subject of critical infrastructure protection. The article deals with study of the legal principles of the functioning of the private sector and analysis of its interaction with the state in the field of critical infrastructure protection on the example of different world powers. The results of the proposed form of interaction, the necessary powers and projected possible benefits from joint activities of the private sector as a subject of protection of critical infrastructure. In Ukraine, the launch of a series of documents of strategic and doctrinal nature, which directly concern the protection of critical infrastructure. Among them are: Cybersecurity Strategy of Ukraine and the Concept for the creation of a state system for the protection of critical information structures. These documents focus on the private sector and partnerships in critical infrastructure protection.

The private sector is a very important subject of critical infrastructure protection and, along with state bodies, is an indispensable player in the critical infrastructure protection system in Ukraine. The private sector has information on the actual risks and threats to the functioning of critical infrastructure objects, which, with a well-established exchange process, will significantly increase the efficiency of state bodies' activities in protecting these objects. It is expedient to envisage the powers of the private sector in addition to the basic normative acts in the area, as well as within the framework of the national plan for the protection of critical infrastructure, which should indicate common public-private interests in ensuring the security and stability of critical infrastructure.

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