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Abstract:

The author discusses the subject of agreements in public administration in connection with the publication of the monograph by Piotr Stec entitled "Agreements in Administration. A Civil Law Study".

The author welcomes the publication of this monograph. In his opinion, Polish civil law scientists have too seldom dealt with this issue so far. They seem not to notice that the public sector has become one of the several major areas where the institution of civil law is applied. This is connected with the process of expanding the public sector on the one hand, and with the phenomenon of privatization of public tasks which has been taking place over the last several decades, on the other. According to the author, only interdisciplinary research gives hope for solving many of the problems associated with the conclusion of agreements in public administration. Piotr Stec's book can, at least partially, fill this gap.

The author expresses appreciation for the efforts undertaken by Piotr Stec and agrees with many of his assertions. Nevertheless, he draws attention to some shortcomings and deficiencies in his monograph. Consequently, the author expresses his hope that civil law scientists will more and more frequently discuss the subject of agreements in public administration.