



10th EELF Conference

Environmental Law in Transformation

Legal Implementation and Impacts of the European Green Deal

30th August - 1st September 2023, Leipzig, Germany

In 2019 the then newly appointed EU-Commission proclaimed an epochal new political agenda aimed at transforming the European Union towards environmentally sustainable and carbon neutral economy: the European Green Deal (EGD). In accordance with its overarching, transformative ambition the EGD consists of a comprehensive set of sector policies including climate & energy, industry, building, pollution, biodiversity, agriculture and mobility while also addressing the overarching objectives of green finance, just transition, inclusiveness and global responsibility. Since its launch in 2019 the Commission has further elaborated these policies through sector strategies. Based on these strategies, the process has now entered the stage of legal implementation. With a plethora of legislative initiatives, the Commission addresses nearly all fields of environmental law, and also goes far beyond traditional environmental regulation towards, inter alia, the greening of energy, agriculture, trade and finance.

The 10th EELF conference is dedicated to assessing these far-reaching legal developments: how they will play out in their legal context and in national implementation, and whether they will work effectively towards the aspired sustainability transformation – within and beyond EU borders.

Plenary and parallel sessions will be held on the following main topics:

- **Overarching and constitutional aspects of the EGD and the role of law in transformation**
- **Climate Governance and EGD energy policy –in the face of the energy crisis**
- **Green industry & circular economy**
- **Biodiversity, nature conservation and agriculture**
- **Zero Pollution**
- **Green Finance**
- **Global responsibility**
- **Further fields and aspects of EGD implementation**

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Venue: Leipziger Kubus, Helmholtz-Zentrum für Umweltforschung - UFZ, Permoserstr. 15, 04318 Leipzig

Conference Programme

WEDNESDAY 30 August 2023	
09:00	Welcome & Introduction ➤ <i>Rolf Altenburger</i> , Scientific Director, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ) ➤ <i>Kurt Faßbender</i> , University of Leipzig ➤ <i>Moritz Reese</i> , European Environmental Law Forum / UFZ
9:30-11:00	Plenary Keynotes Chair: <i>Moritz Reese</i> ➤ EU Energy transformation – state & perspectives <i>Ditte Juul Jörgensen</i> , Director General Energy, EU Commission ➤ The role of EU primary law in transformation to climate neutrality <i>Christian Calliess</i> , Free University Berlin
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	Plenary Keynotes Chair: <i>Wolfgang Köck</i> ➤ National ownership – climate targets and governance in the Member States <i>Delphine Misonne</i> , Université Saint-Louis, Brussels ➤ Green or bad deal on biodiversity? – hard landing of the Commission’s Nature Restoration Law proposal <i>Alexandra Aração</i> , University of Coimbra
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	Parallel Sessions I
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30-18:00	Parallel Sessions II
20:00	Conference Dinner
THURSDAY, 31 August 2023	
09:00-10:30	Assembly Room of Leipzig City Hall, Martin Luther Ring 4 Plenary Keynotes Chair: <i>Kurt Faßbender</i> ➤ Energy v. nature conservation – Perspectives on habitats and species protection in times of energy crisis <i>Jan Darpö</i> , Uppsala University ➤ Circular economy & ecodesign <i>Chris Backes</i> , Utrecht University
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break

11:30-12:15	Plenary Keynotes <p style="text-align: right;">Chair: <i>Till Markus</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EGD and involvement of civil society: towards more transparent and participatory legal implementation of taxonomy and DNSH principle <i>Jerzy Jendroska, Opole University</i>
12:15	Transfer to UFZ
	Lunch
14:00-15:45	Parallel Sessions III
15:45-16:15	Coffee & Tea
16:15-18:00	Parallel Sessions IV
19:00	Guided Leipzig City Tour
FRIDAY, 1 September 2023	
09:00-10:45	Parallel Sessions V
10:45-11:15	Coffee & Tea
11:15-12:30	Parallel Sessions VI
12:30-13:00	Closing Plenary – announcement of 11th EELF-Conference
13:00-17:00	Excursion to Leipzig Auwald Nature Protected Site (with lunchbags)

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- **Annual European conference** organized by varying European Universities
- **Open network for professionals**, scholars and students of European environmental law
- **Personal profile pages** serving as a European directory of environmental law scholars and practitioners

Everyone with a demonstrable commitment to environmental law is welcome to join the EELF via registration on eelf.info. Membership is free of charge.

Parallel Sessions – Schedule

All Presentations 15 min + 10 min Q&A

Sessions I – Wednesday 14:00-16:00

A (Room 1A)	B (Room 1B)	C (Room 1C)	D (Room 1 D)
<p>Climate & Energy Climate Targets & Laws Chair: Kurt Faßbender</p>	<p>Biodiversity Concepts & Rights Chair: Niko Soinenen</p>	<p>Overarching Principles & Strategies Chair: Jerzy Jendroska</p>	<p>Pollution Environmental Quality Chair: Jessica Stubenrauch</p>
<p>The Paris Targets and EGD: Legal arguments in favour of smaller carbon budgets Felix Ekardt, Leipzig</p> <p>The reach of EU competences in the low-carbon energy transition Kaisa Huhta, Eastern Finland</p> <p>In search of a national Climate Change Act in light of the European Green Deal, Eva Balounova, Prague</p> <p>Integrating carbon dioxide removal into the climate regime: Draw some new distinctions! Till Markus, Leipzig</p>	<p>The Habitats Directive as an expression of the “Rights of Nature” Yaffa Epstein, Uppsala /Hendrik Schoukens, Ghent,</p> <p>Granting Rights of Nature to the Wadden Sea: A critical analysis from a European Law Perspective Julian Boer, Utrecht</p> <p>Are net improvements still in? Legal perspectives from the new Global Biodiversity Framework for the EU-Biodiversity Strategy’s net gain approach Volker Mauerhofer, Mid-Sweden</p> <p>The last of us: preventing further deterioration of Europe’s remaining nature An Cliquet, Ghent University</p>	<p>Innovation, precaution and sustainable development in EU environmental law – an obvious triangle? Tellervo Als-Lathi</p> <p>EU Green Deal and the environmental integration principle: In search of an enhanced substantive meaning of the principle Vasilki Karageorgu, Athens</p> <p>Retooling the principle of integration under the EU Green Deal – The nexus between public procurement and climate change Mattheo Fermeglia, Hasselt Kleoniki Pouikli, Utrecht Aura Iurascu, Hasselt</p> <p>Competition law as a lens for more sustainability Hans h.b. Vedder, Groningen</p>	<p>Environmental quality as a European regulatory strategy for sustainability transformation Antti Belinskij, Eastern Finland</p> <p>Comparison between water and air quality legal framework in the European Union: References to science and the World Health Organisation Camille Berteaux, Brussels</p> <p>From good marine environmental status to progressive restoration objectives – reflections on objectives and deadlines in contemporary environmental law Betty Queffelec, Brest</p>

Sessions II – Wednesday 16:30-18:00			
A (Room 1A)	B (Room 1B)	C (Room 1C)	D (Room 1 D)
Climate & Energy Conceptual Issues Chair: Lorenzo Squintani	Biodiversity Restoration Chair: Charles-Hubert Born	Overarching Liability & Crime Chair: Chiara Armeni	Seminal Issues Air / Science / Public Chair: Geert van Hoorik
<p>The rise and fall of a treaty: Is an EU withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty in line or at odds with its ambitions to achieve a locally driven energy transition?</p> <p>Daniela Muth, Westminster</p> <p>Energy systems integration and community energy: the thermal energy communities model,</p> <p>Endrius Cocciolo, Tarragona</p> <p>New regulatory framework for air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions in shipping and aviation sectors under the Green Deal</p> <p>Jiri Vodicka, Brno</p>	<p>Toward EU Nature Restoration Law: a boost for biodiversity and climate?</p> <p>Mariusz Baran</p> <p>Ecosystem services to operationalize nature restoration duties: the ultimate test</p> <p>Alexandra Arago, Coimbra</p> <p>The Need for a legal definition of "restoration"</p> <p>Ana Mendes, Evora</p>	<p>Evaluation of the Environmental Liability Directive</p> <p>Valerie Fogleman, London</p> <p>Examining corporate ecocide in the European Union with a focus on France & Germany</p> <p>Mrinalini Shinde, Cologne</p> <p>The impact of the proposal for a revised Eco-Crime Directive on the fight against plastic waste trafficking</p> <p>Maria Marques-Banque, Tarragona</p>	<p>Access to effective remedies in the revision of the AQFD</p> <p>Morgan Eleanor Harris, Rome</p> <p>The revision of the Ambient Air Quality Directive: what role for public participation?</p> <p>Justine Richelle, Hasselt</p> <p>Ensuring the role of environmental defenders as 'compliance watchdog' in achieving the European Green Deal: tackling digital intimidation against environmental defenders under the Aarhus Convention</p> <p>Lien Stolle, Ghent</p>

Sessions III – Thursday 14:00-15:45			
A (Room 1A)	B (Room 1B)	C (Room 1C)	D (Room 1 D)
Climate & Energy Renewables Chair: Wolfgang Köck	Biodiversity Restoration Chair: Volker Mauerhofer	Pollution Soil and Agriculture Chair: Tilak Ginige	Climate & Energy Forests and Bioenergy Chair: Valerie Fogleman
<p>Developments and Trends in Supporting Renewable Energy Sources in the EU Theodoros Iliopoulos, Brussels</p> <p>Winding paths of RED implementation relating to wind power - the case of Poland. Anna Brzezinska-Rawa, Justyna Goździewicz-BiechońskaTorun/PL</p> <p>The role of long-term contracting in promoting renewables according to the Commission's new proposals on electricity market design and how it will play out in Italy. Beatrice Bichi Ruspoli, Rome</p> <p>Energy transition strategies at subcentral level: the case of Catalan public energy company Jordi Jaria-Manzano, Tarragona</p>	<p>Nature as an overriding public interest? Restoration hierarchy as a lens to operationalize EU nature restoration targets Niko Soininen, Suvi-Tuuli Puharinen, Eastern Finland</p> <p>Fifty Shades of Restoration in Italy Eleonora Ciscato</p> <p>Enforcing the European Green Deal in the context of ecological restoration: what opportunities for strategic litigation? Floor Fleurke, Tilburg</p> <p>Biodiversity and liability in the EU: A law and economics perspective on restoration Francesca Leucci, Wageningen</p>	<p>The combat of nitrogen deposition in Natura 2000, in light of the legal nature of conservation objectives and nature restoration targets. Can soft-law be hard (to endure)? Geert van Hoorik, Ghent</p> <p>Sustainable agriculture through biological control - A natural science and law perspective, Maria Bertel, Negar Ghezel Sefloo, Graz</p> <p>Curing unhealthy soils: Is phytoremediation the medicine? Marco Perisic, Hasselt</p> <p>One step closer to zero chemical pollution: the legal implementation and implication of the PFAS restriction proposal Victoria Obolevich, Aarhus</p>	<p>Sustainable Forest Use and Protection under the Revised EU's Renewable Energy Directive (RED III) – Identifying Shortcomings and Legal Solutions to Overcome Them Jessica Stubenrauch, Leipzig</p> <p>Forest protection and bioenergy: friends or foe? An analysis of the EU nature protection legislation and renewable energy legislation Elisa Cavallin, Hasselt</p> <p>Exploring the legal landscape for land-use based CDR measures: Insights from the German context Romina Schaller, Leipzig</p> <p>Towards Climate-Neutral Land Sector by 2035 – The Role & Relevance of the Revised LULUCF Regulation Seita Romppanen, Eastern Finland</p> <p>Session previously Friday</p>

Sessions IV – Thursday 16:15-18:00

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<p>Climate & Energy International Relations & CBAM Chair: Endrius Cocciolo</p>	<p>Biodiversity Peatlands & Forests Chair: Hendrik Schoukens</p>	<p>Circular Economy Concepts & Cases Chair: Chris Backes</p>	<p>External Effects Greening global value chains Chair: Sanja Bogojevic</p>
<p>Impact of Green Deal regulations (CSDD, CBAM, Deforestation, IUU) on Indonesian value chains Nicolas de Sadeleer, Brussels</p> <p>Comparative Study of the Inspection and Enforcement Regimes of the EU and the Chinese National Emission Trading Schemes Xie Ying, Maastricht</p> <p>Decoupling or Decarbonizing? Interactions between the Emerging EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and the Developing China's Emissions Trading System (ETS) towards a Global Climate Club Meng Zhang, Lund</p> <p>Climate neutrality in the EU and China: An analysis of the stringency of targets and the adaptiveness of the relevant legal frameworks Haomiao Du, Utrecht</p>	<p>Increasing policy integration of biodiversity protection and carbon sinks Jukka Similä, Lapland</p> <p>Synergies within the EU Green Deal. A peatland case study. Matilde Meertens, Ghent</p> <p>Achieving good water status under the Water Framework Directive: an obligation to reduce drainage in Dutch peatlands (by 2027)? Martijn Van Gils, Utrecht</p> <p>Caring for forests here and abroad: The EU's strategies for sustainable forest ecosystems around the world Gauthier Martens, Brussels</p>	<p>Systematic review of circular construction in Western-European public and private legislation: Three "P's" on the road to circularity Jonas Voorter, Tilburg</p> <p>The legal transition towards a circular economy in the EU: The transformation of EU chemicals, product and waste legislation in light of the circular economy transition Ida Mae de Waal, Utrecht</p> <p>Ecodesign as an instantiation of the extended producer's responsibility principle Helosia Oliveira, Lisbon</p> <p>Nurdles or plastic pellets a threat for the environment that reclaim a legal response Aitana De la Varga, Tarragona</p>	<p>Regulating the CCU Value Chains: going beyond the silos of environmental law Tiina Paloniitty, Emilie Yliheljo, Helsinki</p> <p>Decarbonization of global value chains under the European Green Deal Katerina Mitkidis, Aarhus</p> <p>Climate transition plans under a draft Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive Monika Feigerlova, Prague</p> <p>Responsible mineral sourcing for green transition – legal perspective to the local social acceptance in exploration Saara Österberg, Joensuu</p>

Sessions V – Friday 9:00-10:45			
A (Room 1A)	B (Room 1B)	C (Room 1C)	D (Room 1 D)
Climate & Energy Energy vs. Nature Chair: An Cliquet	Pollution Water & Ocean Chair: Till Markus	External Effects Transfers & Accountability Chair: Tina Paloniitty	Biodiversity Seminal Issues Chair: Jan Darpö
<p>Fair weighing up of interests in balancing climate protection and other environmental concerns for allowing renewable energy projects</p> <p>Paula Galbaiatti Silveira, Hasselt</p> <p>Bats versus wind turbines - The delicate relationship between permitting procedures and species protection</p> <p>Charles-Hubert Born, Brussels</p> <p>Derogation from the requirement to conduct the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Renewable Energy Projects: justification, legal basis and scope</p> <p>Sergiusz Urban, Warsaw</p> <p>Tension between offshore wind energy and marine nature conservation</p> <p>Sebastian Loecker, Bonn</p>	<p>The potential of the EU Water Framework Directive for reducing emissions of pollutants is limited: a case study on river basin specific pollutants in Swedish environmental permitting processes</p> <p>Henrik Josefsson, Uppsala</p> <p>Is there effective Implementation of EU water law? A comparative analysis.</p> <p>Susanna Kaavi, Helsinki</p> <p>Coherent and Cross-compliant Ocean Governance for Delivering the Green Deal for European Seas</p> <p>Frouke Maria Platjouw</p> <p>Diving into the marine dimension of the European Green Deal: something old, something borrowed, but how new and blue?</p> <p>Nikolaus Giannopoulos, Utrecht</p>	<p>European Green Deal: A Silver Bullet in Achieving Regional Energy and Climate Governance in Southeast Europe?</p> <p>Irakli Samkharadze, Berlin</p> <p>The Extraterritoriality of the European Green Deal: Accountability of Multinational Corporations and the Rights of Indigenous Communities in Africa</p> <p>Ugwu Ikechukwu</p> <p>Polluters by Proxy: International Corporations and Foreign States' Roles in Ecological Destruction in Brazil</p> <p>Fernando Palazzo, Rotterdam</p> <p>Exploring ways for the EU to regulate transnational investments in agricultural land for environmental and human rights protection</p> <p>Eva-Maria Schatz, Leipzig</p>	<p>Transnational Biodiversity Protection – A Legal Mystery</p> <p>Carola Glinsky, Copenhagen</p> <p>The EU framework to address light pollution</p> <p>Yana Yakushina, Ghent</p> <p>Hunting large carnivores under the current and proposed EU nature protection laws</p> <p>Mar Ouro Del Olmo, Uppsala</p>

Sessions VI – Friday 11:15-12:30			
A (Room 1A)	B (Room 1B)	C (Room 1C)	D (Room 1 D)
Overarching Just Transition Chair: Moritz Reese	Circular Economy Critical Resources & Minerals Chair: Carola Glinski	Overarching Corp. Responsibility & Finance Chair: Tilak Ginige	
<p>Inequalities and environmental justice in the European Green Deal</p> <p>Chiara Armeni, Brussels</p> <p>‘Just transition’ as a new overarching law concept in the climate change debate?</p> <p>Hana Müllerova, Prague</p> <p>A legal framework for the allocation of environmental goods and burdens, after the EGD</p> <p>Flamina Stârc-Meclejan, Timișoara</p>	<p>The European Green Deal and Polycentric Conflicts: The Case of Rare Minerals</p> <p>Sanja Bogojevic, Oxford</p> <p>Barking at the wrong tree? The mismatch between the EU policies and legislation on critical raw materials</p> <p>Topi Turunen, Helsinki</p>	<p>Regulating corporate environmental responsibility through disclosure – Entanglements between EU law and Corporate Social Responsibility</p> <p>Alice Briegleb, Brussels</p> <p>EU taxonomy: opportunities and risks of 'technical screening criteria' for the green transition</p> <p>Julius Pfeuffer, Leipzig</p> <p>What is next after EU Taxonomy Regulation: Financial intermediaries and EU Forest-related Actions</p> <p>Yixin Xu, Maastricht</p> <p>Session switched to Friday !</p>	

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Main conference venue

- **By car:** On A14 motorway take exit "Leipzig-Ost" and head for Leipzig Stadtzentrum/City Centre. Follow Permoserstrasse up to the underground parking sign for conference Leipziger KUBUS on right hand side.
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