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**Human rights approach to the protection of the environment
and future generations**



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Friday 18 October 2024

9:30 Welcome

- Prof. Dr. Luc Lavrysen, President of EUFJE, President of the Belgian Constitutional Court, Emeritus Professor Environmental Law Ghent University
- Antonio Herman Benjamin, President of Brazil's Superior Court of Justice, founder of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment, Chair of IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (online)
- Prof. Dr. Marcel Szabó, Member of the Constitutional Court of Hungary, former Deputy-Commissioner for Fundamental Rights Responsible for the Protection of the Interest of Future Generations

10:00 Recent developments in EU Environmental Policy & Law

Vita Jukne, Head of Unit, Environmental rule of law and governance, DG Environment, European Commission

10:25 The human rights approach to the protection of the environment and future generations in EU case law

Dr. Jan Passer, Judge at Court of Justice of the European Union

10:50 *Coffee break*

11:20 The human rights approach to the protection of the environment and future generations at the European Court of Human Rights

Mattias Guyomar, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights

11:45 Ombudsman for Future Generations, Hungary

Prof. Dr. Gyula Bándi, Deputy Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, Ombudsman for Future Generations

12:15 *Lunch*



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13:45 Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders under the Aarhus Convention

Michel Forst (pre-recorded video)

14:10 Aarhus Compliance Committee

Marc Clément, Vice-President of the Aarhus Compliance Committee, President of a Section at the Administrative Court of Lyon, France (online)

14:35 Pending and recent Advisory Opinions/ITLOS

Prof. Dr. Christina Voigt, Professor and Coordinator of PluriCourts, Center of Excellence, at the University of Oslo, Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, Co-Chair of the Paris Agreement Implementation and Compliance Committee (pre-recorded video)

15:00 *Coffee break*

15:30 General report on questionnaires

Dr. Katalin Sulyok, Chief Legal Advisor at the Office of the Ombudsman for Future Generations, Hungary, Associate Professor in International Environmental Law and Climate Law, ELTE Law School, Budapest

15:55 German case law

Prof. Dr. Martin Eifert, Justice at the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany

16:20 Hungarian case law

Prof. Dr. Marcel Szabó, Member of the Constitutional Court, Hungary

16:45 Discussion

17:30 *Cocktail and 20th anniversary celebration*

19:00 *Cruise and dinner*



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Saturday 19 October 2024

(8:30 EUFJE Board Meeting)

9:00 French case law

Michel Pinault, member of the French Constitutional Council

9:25 Norwegian case law

Thom Arne Hellerslia, Supreme Court Justice, Norway

9:50 Experiences from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

Jorge Calderon, Independent Expert United Nation - Harmony with Nature: Programme & MICI-IDB, International Consultant and Law Professor

10:15 *Coffee break*

10:45 Belgian case law

Françoise Thonet, Honorary Chamber President at the Court of appeal of Mons, Belgium, and Caroline Henrotin, Judge at the Court of appeal of Mons and President of the Environmental Chamber

11:10 The right to a healthy environment: compensating damage to nature with the BIOVAL tool

Farah Bouquelle, Teaching Assistant, Centre for Environmental and Energy Law University of Ghent, Belgium, and Jan Van den Berghe, former Vice-President of the District Court of Ghent, Belgium

11:35 Dutch case law

Aaldert Ten Veen, President of the Environmental Chamber of the Council of State of the Netherlands

12:00 The right to a safe environment in times of war in Ukraine

Dr. Vitaliy Urkevych, Secretary of the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court of Ukraine

12:25 Discussion

13:00 EUFJE General Assembly

13:30 *Light lunch and end of Conference*



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