

EUFJE CONFERENCE 2012 THE HAGUE (THE NETHERLANDS) 26-27 OCTOBER 2012

THE ROLE OF EUROPEAN UNION LAW IN THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COURTS OF THE MEMBER STATES

VENUE : Council of State, Kneuterdijk 22, The Hague

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday, 25 October 2012: Arrival of the participants

Friday, 26 October 2012

9:00 Board Meeting

9:30 Registration of participants

10:00 Welcome speech, Luc Lavrysen, President of the EUFJE

10:05 Opening speech

Jaap Polak, President of the Judicial Division of the Council of State

Liam Casham, Directorate Legal Affairs and Cohesion in DG Environment, European Commission

FIRST OPEN SESSION

10:30 EU Law in the national environmental courts; a general introduction
Hanna Sevenster, Council of State, The Netherlands

11:00 The Court of Justice's view on the role of EU Law in the national courts,
Sacha Prechal, member of the Court of Justice

11:30 Coffee break

11:45 The role of national judicial mechanisms to improve implementation of EU environmental legislation
Marianne Wenning, Director Legal affairs and Cohesion in DG Environment, European Commission

12:15 Discussion

13:00 Lunch break

SECOND OPEN SESSION

14:00 Differences and similarities in the approach of national courts
Liselotte Smorenburg, University of Amsterdam

14:30 Experiences in France
Francoise Nesi, First Vice -President TGI, Versailles

14:55 Experiences in Sweden
Anna-Lena Rosengardten, Environmental Court of Appeal, Stockholm

15:20 Experiences in the UK
Keath J. Lindblom, High Court Queen's Bench Division, London

15:45 Coffee break

16:00 Experiences in The Netherlands
Thijs Drupsteen, Council of State, The Hague

16:25 Experiences in Italy
Carlo Maria Grillo, Presidente del Tribunale, Cremona

16:50 Discussion

17:15 End of the first day of the conference

18:30 Museum visit

20:00 Dinner

Saturday, 27 October

THIRD OPEN SESSION

9:00 Procedural and practical limitations of the role of EU Law in the national courts
Anna Gerbrandy, assistant professor University of Utrecht

9:30 Primary EU law (including principles of environmental law) and the national courts
Jan Jans, professor University of Groningen

10:00 A need for further unification or harmonization of national procedural law?
Chris Backes, professor University of Maastricht

10:30 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

CLOSED SESSION

11:30 General Assembly of the EUFJE

12:30 Closing address
Luc Lavrysen
Niels Koeman

End of the conference

12:45 Lunch