

Strengthening EU Environmental Law: Legal Perspectives on Greening Europe

The lecture will be delivered by

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EU competences and the energy crisis
on renewables, biodiversity and energy security.

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Abstract

The current energy crisis has prompted novel approaches as regards EU competences in environmental and energy matters. This includes the adoption in December 2022 of temporary emergency measures aimed at accelerating the deployment of renewable energy, e.g. wind and solar energy projects. The ‘emergency’ Regulation is specifically aimed at streamlining decision-making processes under EU environmental directives, including the explicit presumption that renewable energy projects are of overriding public interest and serving public health and safety for the purposes of the relevant Union environmental legislation, e.g. the EU Habitats and Birds Directives. The EU already as part of the RePowerEU Plan in May 2022 proposed amendments to the Renewable Energy Directive that would explicitly ‘sidestep’ environmental legislation under certain circumstances. Such novel approaches raise several questions and to some extent may reflect a lack of proper attempts to reconcile biodiversity, climate and energy security concerns within a coherent legal framework. This may add to the blurred boundaries of EU competences in environmental and energy matters.

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