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1

The Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive: joy or sadness at the 20th birthday?

18 May 2021, 15h00-17h00

The main objective of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive is to achieve a high level protection of the environment and to promote sustainable development. SEA systematically examines the likely environmental impacts of certain plans or programmes in order to incorporate them into the decision-making process in the course of the corresponding preparation or amendment procedures. How has the SEA Directive performed over the last 20 years? What are the results of the European Commission's Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT) European?

Martin Führ carried out an empirical investigation, based on 125 German case studies and underpinned by interviews and workshops, inter alia dealing with the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes, the alternatives assessment, the identification of measures to address and monitor significant environmental impacts. The project, on behalf of the German Environment Protection Agency, includes an actor-centred institutional analysis. It also includes a set of policy recommendations on the legislative and administrative level.

Jerzy Jendrośka, as a member of the Espoo Convention Implementation Committee and a member of the Aarhus Compliance Committee, was involved in a number of cases related to compliance with the Protocol on SEA to the Convention, in particular in relation to Trans-European Networks and lists of Projects of Common Interest.

Host:

Isabelle Larmuseau, VVOR, Belgium/Flanders

Speakers:

Martin Führ, Sonderforschungsgruppe Institutionenanalyse (sofia)/Society for Institutional Analysis, Germany
Jerzy Jendrośka, Opole University, Poland

Debate:

Debate with webinar participants

2

Revision of the Industrial Emissions Directive: in search of consistency with climate, energy and circular economy policies?

15 June 2021, 15h00-17h00

The Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) regulates around 50.000 large industrial installations in Europe. The IED is supposed to take an integrated approach on pollution prevention from industrial activities. On 19 October 2020, the European Commission published its work programme for 2021. The Commission indicated that it would propose, as announced in the European Green Deal, a revision of Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions. The revision of the IED will seek to enhance the contribution of the IED to the zero pollution objective, as well as its consistency with climate, energy and circular economy policies.

The compliance of IED and its implementation in EU Member States with the Aarhus Convention was subject to cases at the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee. The findings in this respect should also be taken into account in the revision of the IED.

Hosts:

Delphine Misonne, Université Saint-Louis, Belgium/Brussels

Marga Robesin, Natuur en Milieu, the Netherlands

Isabelle Larmuseau, VVOR, Belgium/Flanders

Speakers:

Aneta Willems, European Commission, DG Environment, Unit Industrial Emissions & Safety

Christian Schaible, The European Environmental Bureau

Jerzy Jendrońska, Opole University, Poland

Debate:

Debate with webinar participants

3

Protection of groundwater under the Water Framework Directive: Member States obligations and recent judgments

9 November 2021, 15h00-17h00

Groundwater in the EU is under pressure from agricultural pollution, illegal abstraction, climate change... How should Member States obligations under the Water Framework Directive be interpreted and what follows if targets are not met? The speakers in this panel look at recent decisions of the European Court of Justice and discuss the consequences.

Host:

Thomas Ormond, Regional administration in Frankfurt/M.

Speakers:

Christoph Sobotta, Legal Secretary, Chambers of Advocate General Juliane Kokott, Court of Justice of the European Union

Marleen van Rijswick, Utrecht University

Debate:

Debate with webinar participants

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VVOR publishes a review on environmental law and environmental policy: Tijdschrift voor Omgevingsrecht en Omgevingsbeleid (TOO).

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