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Thursday 15 October 2026

11:45 *Light lunch*

12:45 Welcome

- Kari Kuusiniemi, President of EUFJE, President of the Supreme Administrative Court, Finland
- Richard Humphreys, Chairperson of the Organizing Committee, Judge at the High Court, Ireland
- Oonagh Buckley, Secretary-General of the Department of Climate, Irish government

13:15 Updates from the Networks (IMPEL, ENPE, EnviCrimeNet)

13:30 General report on questionnaires

1. The Aarhus convention - challenges and pressures

14:00 The Aarhus Convention at a time of new political realities and a changing political agenda

Felix Bloch, Head of Unit ENV.E4, Environmental rule of law and governance, DG Environment, European Commission

14:30 Developments on the Compliance Mechanism

Giuseppe Danilo Auricchio, European Union Focal Point to the Aarhus Convention and Member of the Aarhus Convention Bureau

15:00 Observations from the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Áine Ryall, Chair of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee, Professor at the School of Law and Co-Director of the Centre for Law & the Environment at University College Cork, Ireland

15:30 *Coffee break*



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16:00 The civil and criminal law response across Europe to civil disobedience

Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders

16:30 The Aarhus Convention, access to justice and national judges

Luc Lavrysen, President Emeritus of the Constitutional Court of Belgium,
Professor Emeritus

17:00 Current Aarhus issues: an Irish perspective

Richard Humphreys, Judge at the High Court, Ireland

17:30 Discussion

(18:00 EUFJE Board Meeting)

19:15 cocktail and dinner

Friday 16 October 2026

2. Case law of the European Courts

9:00 Case law of the European Court of Human Rights

Darian Pavli, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights

9:30 CJEU Case Law

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

10:00 The application of European environmental law in Norwegian courts

Thom Arne Hellerslia, Justice at the Supreme Court of Norway

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Large Predators' Cases at the European Court of Justice and Estonian Courts

Pihel Sarv, Judge at the Administrative Court of Tallinn, Estonia

11:30 A new horizon for environmental litigation following the Limia ruling in Spain

José Antonio Parada Lopez, Judge at the High Court of Galicia, Spain



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12:00 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

3. International perspectives

14:00 Maintaining legal relations with the UK post Brexit in relation to EU environmental law

Ian Dove, Lord Justice of Appeal, Deputy Senior President of Tribunals, Chair of the Tribunals Procedure Committee, Court of Appeal of England and Wales

14:30 Legal Issues of Compensation for Environmental Damage Caused by the War in Ukraine

Vitalii Urkevych, Justice at the Supreme Court of Ukraine

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Domestic application of international environmental laws in the People's Republic of China

Speaker TBC

16:30 Discussion

17:00 EUFJE General Assembly

17:30 End of Conference



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