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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Calderón-Gamboa, 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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