2019 EUFJE Annual Conference

The role of science in environmental adjudication

The Supreme Administrative Court of Finland

Fabianinkatu 15, Helsinki

Thursday, 12 September 2019

17:00 - 19:00 Welcome event: sauna and dinner (on own cost)

Friday 13 September 2019

9:00 Welcome by Kari KUUSINIEMI, President Supreme Administrative Court of Finland and Luc LAVRYSEN, President of the EUFJE; Opening speech by Krista MIKKONEN, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

9:15 Aurel CIOBANU-DORDEA, Director, Implementation & Support to Member States, Directorate-General for the Environment, European Commission, Relevant EU-level activities

9:45 Christoph SOBOTTA, Chambers of Advocate General Juliane Kokott: How the CJEU deals with scientific knowledge - Recent CJEU case law

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Katalin SULYOK, Lecturer ELTE University, Budapest and Fruzsina BÖGÖS, Secretary-General of EUFJE: The role of science in environmental adjudication in EUFJE members' courts - Findings of the questionnaire

11:45 Discussion
12:00 Buffet lunch

13:00 Tiina PALONIITTY, University of Helsinki and Mariolina ELIANTONIO, University of Maastricht: Scientific knowledge in environmental judicial review: safeguarding effective judicial protection in the EU Member States? - Summary of the case study responses

13:45 Mikael HILDEN, Director, Professor, Finnish Environment Institute, Expert Counsellor for the Environment, Supreme Administrative Court, Finland: Opportunities and challenges in providing and using research based knowledge in legal cases

Mikael SCHULTZ, Technical Judge, Land & Environment Court of Appeal, Sweden: The use of technical judges for better integration of scientific data in environmental decision-making

14:30 Comments

- Judge’s perspective, Justice Mika SEPPÄLÄ, Supreme Administrative Court, Finland

- Parties’ perspectives, Jouni NISSINEN, Head of Environment Policy of Finnish Conservation Association and Kari MARTTINEN, partner HPP Attorneys

15:15 Coffee break

15:45 Matthias BUNDSCHUH, Judge at the Karlsruhe Administrative Court and law clerk at the German Constitutional Court: Limits to judicial review: “Red kite” case of the German Constitutional Court

16:15 Rosa UYLENBURG, Dutch Council of State and A.T. DALEN GILHUIJS, Foundation of Independent Court Experts in Environmental and Planning Law (Stichting Advisering Bestuursrechtspraak voor Milieu en Ruimtelijke ordening or "STAB"): STAB, a government funded answer to technical questions from judges in environmental law

17:00 Discussion

17:30 End of the first day

18:30 Bird watching excursion and conference dinner in Espoo
Saturday 14 September 2019

9:30 EUFJE board meeting (board members only)

10:00 Philippe LEDENVIC, President of the French Environmental Authority (Autorité Environnementale): Environmental Impact Assessment by the Environmental Authority and French administrative court decisions regarding EIA

10:30 Brian PRESTON, Chief Judge of The Land and Environment Court of New South Wales: Specialised Court Procedures for Expert Evidence

11:15 Swatanter KUMAR, Former Chairperson of the National Green Tribunal, Former Justice of the Supreme Court of India: Some views from an Indian Perspective

11:30 Discussion

11:45 Coffee break

12:00 Carole BILLIET, University of Ghent - Centre for Environmental and Energy Law, Results of the LIFE-ENPE Project 2018-2019 (European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment)

12:15 EUFJE General Assembly

12:45 End of the conference and lunch