

# COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS IN THE FIELD OF EU ENVIRONMENTAL LAW



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## WORKSHOP ON PRINCIPLES OF EU ENVIRONMENTAL LAW



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### PROGRAMME

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**Thessaloniki, 12–14 March 2012**

**Workshop venue:**

NATIONAL SCHOOL OF JUDGES (ESDI)  
Ikaron street  
Kalamaria-Thessaloniki  
B.O 22  
55 102 Thessaloniki  
Greece

## Monday, 12 March 2012

- 9.00 – 9.45**      **Welcome and Introductory session**  
*Welcome and introduce participants, introduce the facilitators, explain the program and main objectives of the event and give overview on interactive sessions of first day*  
**Igor Dizdarevic (Lecturer, project leader, EIPA), Ralf Jülich (legal expert, activity leader, EIPA)**
- 9.45 – 10.45**      **Role of the national judge in the implementation of EU law: Direct effect and Preliminary ruling**  
*Introduction into the relevance of EU environmental law for national decisions, and ECJ case procedure initiated by national courts*  
**Igor Dizdarevic**
- Coffee Break (10.45 – 11.00)*
- 11.00 – 11.30**      **Introduction into the Polluter Pays Principle**  
*History, function and manifestation of the Polluter Pays Principle in international and in EU environmental law*  
**Gerhard Roller (Professor of Environmental Law, University of Applied Sciences, Bingen, Germany)**
- 11.30 – 13.15**      **Case Study I - Polluter Pays Principle**  
*Understanding and application of the Polluter Pays Principle in the field of waste management*  
**Igor Dizdarevic and the participants, largely in parallel working groups**
- Lunch Break (13.15 – 14.15)*
- 14.15 – 15.00**      **Application of the Polluter Pays Principle in (other) areas of EU environmental law**  
*Presentation of legislation and ECJ jurisprudence related to the Polluter Pays Principle*  
**Ralf Jülich**
- 15.00 – 16.00**      **Environmental Liability Directive 2004/35/EC**  
*Presentation of the history, objective and key elements of the Directive 2004/35/EC on environmental liability with regard to the prevention and remedying of environmental damage*  
**Hans Lopatta (EU Commission, Directorate-General for the Environment)**
- Coffee Break (16.00 – 16.15)*
- 16.15 – 17.00**      **Introduction into the Preventive and the Precautionary Principles**  
*History, function and manifestation of the Preventive and the Precautionary Principles in international and in EU environmental law*  
**Gerhard Roller**

## Tuesday, 13 March 2012

- 9.00 – 10.30**      **Case Study II – Precautionary Principle**  
*Understanding and application of the implications of the Precautionary Principle and the Safeguard Clause in the field of genetically modified organisms*  
**Gerhard Roller and the participants, largely in parallel working groups**
- Coffee Break (10.30 – 10.45)*

- 10.45 – 11.15 Case Study II continuation**  
*Continuation – presentation of working group results and debriefing*  
**Gerhard Roller and the participants**
- 11.15 – 11.45 Further principles of EU environmental law**  
*Presentation of history, function and manifestation of further principles of EU environmental law*  
**Igor Dizdarevic**
- 11.45 – 13.15 Case Study III – Precautionary Principle**  
*Understanding and application of the implications of the Precautionary Principle and the Proportionality Principle in the field of nature protection*  
**Ralf Jülich and the participants, largely in parallel working groups**
- Lunch Break (13.15 – 14.15)**
- 14.15 – 14.45 Case Study III continuation**  
*Continuation – presentation of working group results and debriefing*  
**Ralf Jülich and the participants**
- 14.45 – 15.30 Application of the Prevention and of the Precautionary Principles in other areas of EU environmental law**  
*Presentation of legislation and ECJ jurisprudence related to the Prevention and the Precautionary Principles*  
**Gerhard Roller**
- Coffee Break (15.30 – 15.45)**
- 15.45 – 17.00 Exchange Session**  
*Exchange of views and experience of participants on national cases and experiences related to use of environmental law principles*  
**Moderation: Igor Dizdarevic (Ralf Jülich, Gerhard Roller)**

## Wednesday, 14 March 2012

- 9.00 – 9.45 How to access relevant EU documents on the internet**  
*The use of eurolex and other suitable sources for European environmental legislation, court decisions and other useful documents – a brief guidance*  
**Igor Dizdarevic**
- Coffee Break (9.45 – 10.00)**
- 10.00 – 10.45 Access to justice**  
*Presentation of requirements of the Aarhus Convention and EU legislation as concerns access to justice and related ECJ jurisprudence*  
**Ralf Jülich**
- 10.45 – 11.30 Evaluation of workshop**  
*Review and feedback of participants on workshop*  
**Moderation: Ralf Jülich**

**End of workshop, Departure**