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WORKSHOP ON EU WATER LEGISLATION



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PROGRAMME

Tartu, 5–7 March 2012

Monday, 5 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 – 10.30 EU Environmental Law and National Courts: the Key Role of the National Judge

Introduction into the relevance of EU environmental law for national decisions, and ECJ case procedure initiated by national courts

Igor Dizdarevic

Coffee Break (10.30 – 10.45)

10.45 – 11.30 Case Study I on direct effect

Interpretation of the direct effect of selected water legislation in the EU Member States

Igor Dizdarevic (in plenary)

11.30 – 13.00 Introduction to Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC

Introductory presentation on the development of European water legislation and key elements of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC

Menno Verheij (EU Commission, Directorate-General for the Environment)

Lunch Break (13.00 – 14.00)

14.00 – 14.45 Directive 91/271/EEC concerning Urban Waste Water treatment

Presentation of the objectives and key aspects of the Urban Waste Water Directive 91/271/EEC

Thomas Ormond (Senior administrator at RP Darmstadt, Department for occupational safety and environment Frankfurt)

14.45 – 15.00 Case Study II – Urban Waste Water

Applying key provisions of the Urban Waste Water Directive Presentation of the facts of the case

Ralf Jülich

Coffee Break (15.00 – 15.15)

15.15 – 17.00 Case Study II continuation

Continuation – Discussion of the case in working groups, presentation of working groups results and debriefing

Ralf Jülich and the participants, largely in working groups

Tuesday, 6 March 2012

9.00 – 9.45 Nitrates Directive 91/676/EEC

Presentation of the objectives and key aspects of the Directive 91/676/EEC concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources

Igor Dizdarevic

9.45 – 10.00 Case Study III - Nitrates and Water Framework Directive

Applying key provisions of the Nitrates Directive and the Water Framework Directive, Presentation of the facts of the case

Menno Verheij

Coffee Break (10.00 – 10.15)

10.15 – 12.15 Case Study III continuation

Continuation – Discussion of the case in working groups, presentation of working groups results and debriefing

Menno Verheij and the participants, largely in working groups

12.15 – 13.00 Bathing Water Directive 2006/7/EC

Presentation of objectives, key aspects and history of the Directive 2006/7/EC concerning the management of bathing water quality

Thomas Ormond

Lunch Break (13.00 – 14.00)

14.00 – 14.45 Drinking Water Directive 98/83/EC

Presentation of objectives, key aspects and history of the Directive 2006/7/EC concerning the quality of water intended for human consumption

Igor Dizdarevic

14.45 – 15.30 Access to environmental information

Presentation of the history, objective and key elements of the Directive 2003/4/EC on public access to environmental information with an additional focus on public consultation under Article 14 Water Framework Directive

Ralf Jülich

Coffee Break (15.30 – 15.45)

15.45 – 17.00 Exchange Session

Exchange of views and experience of participants on water management cases as well as access to environmental information and access to justice

Moderation: Igor Dizdarevic, Ralf Jülich

Wednesday, 7 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