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WORKSHOP ON PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT THROUGH CRIMINAL LAW



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PROGRAMME

Bucharest, 4–6 July 2012

Workshop venue:

Wednesday, 4 July 2012

- 9.00 – 9.45** **Welcome and Introductory session**
Welcome and introduction of participants and facilitators, overview of the objectives and programme of the workshop
Igor Dizdarevic (Lecturer, project leader, EIPA), Ralf Jülich (legal expert, activity leader, EIPA)
- 9.45 – 10.30** **Role of the national judge in the implementation of EU law: Preliminary reference and infringement procedure**
Introductory overview of the relevance of EU environmental law for national decisions, and the importance of the role of the national judge in implementing EU law
Igor Dizdarevic
- Coffee Break (10.30 – 10.45)*
- 10.45 – 11.30** **Introduction to the Environmental Offences Directive 2008/99/EC**
Presentation of the history, objective and key elements of the Directive 2008/99/EC:
Miroslav Angelov (Directorate-General for the Environment)
- 11.30 – 12.30** **Exchange Session on environmental crimes legislation in EU Member States**
Discussion of the legal situation as regards environmental crimes prosecution and sanctioning in European Member States, the transposition of the Directive 2008/99/EC and its effects on national legislation
Moderation: Ralf Jülich (EIPA)
- Lunch Break (12.30 – 13.30)*
- 13.30 – 15.15** **Case session I – Industrial accident leading to serious groundwater pollution**
Environmental crimes in the area of industrial pollution. Discussion of a case and exchange on similar cases in this area.
Anne Brosnan (Prosecutor, UK), partly in parallel working groups
- Coffee Break (15.15 – 15.30)*
- 15.30 – 17.00** **Case Session II – Illegal transboundary waste shipments**
Environmental crimes in the area of waste management. Discussion of a case and exchange on similar cases in this area
Manfred Stotz (Prosecutor, Frankfurt/Germany), in plenary

Thursday, 5 July 2012

- 9.00 – 10.15** **Introduction to European and International Nature Protection Legislation**
Presentation of the objectives, key elements and ECJ judgements related to the Habitats and Birds Directives as well as the CITES regime and Bern Convention and main threats and legal action from the EU Commission's point of view
Ralf Jülich, Joseph van der Stegen (Directorate-General for the Environment)
- Coffee Break (10.15 – 10.30)*
- 10.30 – 12.30** **Case Session III – Animal trafficking**
Environmental crimes in the area of animal trafficking. Discussion of a case and exchange on similar cases in this area.
Jan Van den Berghe (Vice President Court of First Instance, Ghent/Belgium), partly in parallel working groups

Lunch Break (12.30 – 13.30)

13.30 – 15.15 Case Session IV – Birds killing

Environmental crimes in the area of illegal birds hunting. Discussion of a case and exchange on similar cases in this area.

Jean-Philippe Rivaud (Criminal Judge, France), in plenary

Coffee Break (15.15 – 15.30)

15.30 – 16.30 Introduction to the 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)

Friday, 6 July 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 – 11.00 European cooperation in the field of environmental crime

Presentation on European cooperation related to the prosecution of environmental offences and enforcement of national judgments followed by open discussion

Anne Brosnan

11.00 – 11.30 Evaluation of workshop

Review and feedback of participants on workshop

Moderation: Ralf Jülich

End of workshop, Departure