

Objective

Both air quality and noise pollution are a major concern for human health in EU. By addressing the issues that may be relevant for national judges, this two-and-a-half day workshop will provide the participants with an overview of the Air Quality Directive (AQD) and the Environmental Noise Directive (END). It aims to facilitate the handling of future national court procedures invoking non-compliance with EU air quality and noise legislation.

Key elements of the workshop

- Scientific and technical introduction to effects of air and noise pollution on human health
- Aims and features of AQD and END and their links with other relevant EU legislation
- Various case studies on the role of the judge in this matter

Venues

- Conseil d'Etat
1 Place du Palais Royal in Paris (1^{er} arr.)
- Centre de Formation de la Juridiction Administrative (CFJA)
7, rue Catherine Puig in Montreuil

Who should attend?

Judges from all EU Member States who are interested in environmental law.

With the participation of

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Speakers & training managers

Bernhard Berger, Deputy Head of Unit for Knowledge, Risks and Urban Environment, DG Environment, European Commission, Brussels

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Christoph Sobotta, Legal Secretary, Chambers of Advocate General Kokott, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

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HOW TO HANDLE COURT PROCEEDINGS INVOKING NON-COMPLIANCE WITH EU AIR QUALITY AND NOISE LEGISLATION

WORKSHOP FOR NATIONAL JUDGES

Paris & Montreuil
8-10 December 2015

Organisers: Academy of European Law (Ingrida Ilgauskien ) in cooperation with the *Centre de Formation de la Juridiction Administrative (CFJA)* on behalf of DG ENV, European Commission (contracting authority)

Languages: English & French (with simultaneous interpretation)

Event number: 415DV63



Tuesday, 8 December 2015 (Paris & Montreuil)

- 08:30 Arrival of participants at Conseil d'Etat (Palais Royal, Paris)
- 09:00 **Welcome**
Jean-Marc Sauvé
- 09:30 Visit of the *Conseil d'Etat*
- 10:45 **Effects of air and noise pollution on human health: a scientific and technical introduction**
Eric Vindimian
- 11:45 Departure to *Centre de Formation de la Juridiction Administrative* in Montreuil
- 12:30 Lunch break
- I. AIR QUALITY DIRECTIVE (AQD)**
- 13:30 **General overview of the AQD**
- Main objectives and key features
 - Links with other relevant EU legislation
- Christoph Sobotta*
- 14:30 **Limit and target values for certain pollutants in Article 13 (1) AQD**
Marco Gasparinetti
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 16:00 **Case study on the AQD:**
- Introduction to facts of the case study
 - Working groups
 - Plenary discussion of the results
- Christoph Sobotta*
- 17:30 End of the first workshop day

Wednesday, 9 December 2015 (Montreuil)

- Chair: TBC*
- 09:30 **Adoption of an air quality plan according to Article 23 AQD**
Peter Vajda
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Case study on Article 23 AQD:**
- Introduction to facts of the case study
 - Working groups
 - Plenary discussion of the results
- Peter Vajda*
- 12:30 Lunch break
- II. ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE DIRECTIVE (END)**
- 13:30 **General overview of the END**
- Main objectives and key features
 - Links with other relevant EU legislation
- Marc Clément*
- 14:30 **Implementation of the END in Member States**
Bernhard Berger
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 16:00 **Case study on the END:**
- Introduction to facts of the case study
 - Working groups
 - Plenary discussion of the results
- Marc Clément*
- 17:30 End of the second workshop day

Thursday, 10 December 2015 (Montreuil)

- Chair: Ingrida Ilgauskienė*
- III. COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE TWO DIRECTIVES**
- 09:30 **Principles of EU environmental law as underlying principles of the AQD and END**
Precaution, subsidiarity, proportionality, prevention, correction
Matthias Keller
- 10:15 **What is the role for a judge implementing the AQD and END? Focus on access to justice**
Matthias Keller
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:15 **Case study on access to justice for citizens and NGOs with the AQD and END:**
- Introduction to facts of the case study
 - Working groups
 - Plenary discussion of the results
- Matthias Keller*
- 12:45 **Evaluation of the workshop**
- 13:15 End of the workshop