

Objective

This two-and-a-half day workshop will provide the participants with an overview of EU water legislation. Water legislation remains challenging for judges, who are confronted with complaints based upon it, by first recalling the main obligations of the Member States as they derive from the EU legislation and then exploring specific recurring issues. Therefore the workshop will provide a comprehensive overview of new case law by the CJEU, EU water legislation. By addressing the issues that may be relevant for administrative judges as well as prosecutors, it will facilitate the handling of future national court procedures in this field.

Key elements of the workshop

- European Water Management
- Water Framework Directive
- New rulings of the CJEU, i.e., C-525/12 on the concept of water services, C-461/13 Weser case, C-346/14 Schwarze Sulm case; C-41/10 Achelos case
- Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive
- Bathing Water Directive
- Nitrates Directive
- Drinking Water Directive

Who should attend?

Administrative judges and prosecutors from all EU Member States who are interested in environmental law

Speakers & Training managers

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HOW TO HANDLE COURT PROCEEDINGS INVOKING NON-COMPLIANCE WITH EU WATER LAW

WORKSHOP FOR JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS

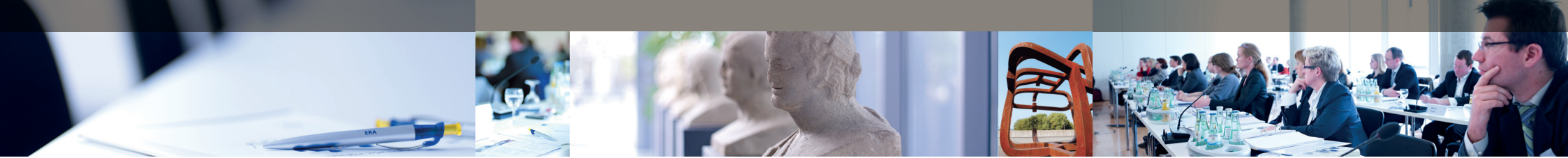
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Wednesday, 05 April 2017

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants

09:30 **Welcome and introduction**
Ingrida Ilgauskiene, ERA

I. SETTING THE SCENE

Chair: Ingrida Ilgauskiene

10:00 **European waters and its pollution: a political, scientific and technical introduction**

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **EU Water Law – general framework**
Menno Verheij

12:30 Lunch break

II. WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE (WFD)

13:30 **EU Water Framework Directive**

- Basic concepts
- Article 4 of WFD
- River Basin Management Plan/ Programme of measures
- Review of permits
- Exemptions
- CJEU case law

Christoph Sobotta

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 **Case study on EU Water Framework Directive**
Christoph Sobotta

17:00 End of the first workshop day

Thursday, 06 April 2017

III. URBAN WASTE WATER TREATMENT

Chair: Klaus Lernhart

09:00 **Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive**

- Main objectives
- Relation to Bathing Water Directive
- CJEU case law

Andrej Kmecl

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Case study on Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive**

Andrej Kmecl

12:30 Lunch break

IV. NITRATES DIRECTIVE

13:30 **Nitrates Directive**

- Main objectives
- Relation to Water Framework Directive
- Drinking Water Directive
- CJEU case law

Andrea M. Keessen

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 **Case study on the implementation of the Nitrates Directive**

Andrea M. Keessen

17:00 End of the second workshop day

Friday, 07 April 2017

V. ENFORCEMENT AT NATIONAL LEVEL

Chair: Ingrida Ilgauskiene

09:00 **Role of a judge when dealing with files on water**

Matthias Keller

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Case study on the role of a judge (preliminary ruling)**

Matthias Keller

12:30 **Evaluation of the workshop**

13:00 End of the workshop