

Objective

Both air quality and noise legislation are a major concern for human health in the 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). In so doing, 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 the effects of air and noise pollution on human health
- Aims and features of the AQD and END and their links with other relevant EU legislation
- Various case studies on the role of the judge in this matter

Who should attend?

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

Speakers

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

WORKSHOP FOR NATIONAL JUDGES

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Wednesday, 11 November 2015

- 09:30 Arrival and registration of participants
- 10:00 **Setting the scene**
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- 10:30 **The effects of air and noise pollution on human health: a scientific and technical introduction**
- 11:30 Coffee break
- I. AIR QUALITY DIRECTIVE (AQD)**
- 12:00 **General overview of the AQD**
- Its main objectives and key features
 - Its links with other relevant EU legislation
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:00 **Case Study on the AQD (incl. the drafting of the preliminary ruling reference)**
- Introduction to the facts of the case (15 minutes)
 - Working groups (45 minutes)
 - Common discussion of the results (30 minutes)
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 16:00 **Limit and target values for certain pollutant in Article 13 (1) AQD**
- 17:00 End of the first workshop day

Thursday, 12 November 2015

- 09:30 **Adoption of an air quality plan according to Article 23 AQD**
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Case study on Article 23 AQD**
- Introduction to the facts of the case (15 minutes)
 - Working groups (45 minutes)
 - Common discussion of the results (30 minutes)
- 12:30 Lunch break
- II. ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE DIRECTIVE (END)**
- 13:30 **General overview of the END**
- Its main objectives and key features
 - Its links with other relevant EU legislation
- 14:30 Coffee break
- 15:00 **Case study on the END**
- Introduction to the facts of the case (15 minutes)
 - Working groups (45 minutes)
 - Common discussion of the results (30 minutes)
- 16:30 **Country reports on the implementation of the END (e.g. NL, DE, IT, HU)**
- 17:30 End of the second workshop day

Friday, 13 November 2015

- 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)**
- 10:15 **What role for the judge with the AQD and the END? Focus on access to justice**
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:15 **Case study on access to justice for citizens and NGOs with the AQD and END**
- Introduction to the facts of the case (15 minutes)
 - Working groups (45 minutes)
 - Common discussion of the results (30 minutes)
- 12:45 **Evaluation of the workshop**
- 13:15 End of the workshop