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This 1.5-day judicial training on EU environmental law focuses on nature protection, restoration, and air quality. The agenda features expert-led presentations on recent legislative developments and CJEU case law, combined with interactive, case-based learning. Key highlights include the Habitats Directive, preliminary references, environmental justice, and a case study dedicated to exploring mediation within the context of air quality.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the training, participants will be able to:

- Identify the main EU environmental legal instruments applicable at the national level.
- Understand the legal framework and principles underpinning EU environmental law (e.g. precaution, prevention, polluter-pays).
- Analyze key CJEU rulings relevant to environmental protection and their implications for national jurisprudence.
- Apply EU law in fictional case studies involving environmental breaches, balancing legal requirements with practical constraints.
- Compare EU provisions with national legal approaches and identify points of convergence or divergence.
- Strengthen their legal reasoning in environmental matters using both EU and national legal sources.
- Gain practical insights on handling environmental disputes and enforcing environmental obligations in court.

PROGRAMME

Monday, 21 September 2026

Moderator: Ms. Luisa Cortat, Deputy Head of the European Public Law Section, Academy of European Law (ERA) and Ms. Maria Laura Maddalena, Judge at the Regional Administrative Court of Naples

9:00 – 9:15	Registration of the participants	
9:15 – 9:45	Welcome Words	Mr Roberto Politi, President of the Administrative Court of Rome Ms. Luisa Cortat, Deputy Head of the European Public Law Section, Academy of European Law (ERA) Ms. Maria Laura Maddalena, Judge at the Regional Administrative Court of Naples – Italy Ms. Eunice Litu, Project Manager, European Judicial Training Network
09:45 – 10:30	Presentation of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) & Pre-Training Knowledge Assessment Overview on nature protection and nature restoration <i>Q&A – Discussion</i>	Ms. Christina Olsen Lundh, Senior Judge, Vänersborg Land and Environment court and associate professor, Göteborg university

I. CASE STUDY ON NATURE PROTECTION – FOCUS ON HABITATS DIRECTIVE (ROLE-PLAY EXERCISE, WITH A MOCK TRIAL)

10:30– 11:00	Group Photo & Coffee break	
11:00 – 11:45	Legal update on the subject and introduction to the facts of the case study <i>Q&A – Discussion</i>	Ms. Christina Olsen Lundh , Senior Judge, Vänersborg Land and Environment court and associate professor, Göteborg university – Sweden
11:45 – 12:30		
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 14:15	Mock trial and discussion of the results in the plenary	Moderator: - Ms. Christina Olsen Lundh
14:15–15:00	Toolbox: preliminary reference <i>Q&A – Discussion</i>	Mr. Alessandro Andronio , Judge, Supreme Court of Cassation, Rome, Italy
15:00-15:15	Coffee break	
15:15– 16:00	Legal update and recent case law on Access to Information, Public Participation, and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters	Mr. Vojtech Vomacka , Advisor in Environmental Law and EU Law Matters, Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic
16:00 – 16:45	Legal update on mediation in environmental matters	Ms. Laura Van Dooren , Legal Officer and Internal Mediator – Judicial Support Unit, Administrative Courts Service – Belgium
16.45	End of First Day	
19.30	Official Dinner	

Tuesday, 22 September 2026

Moderator: Ms. Luisa Cortat, Deputy Head of the European Public Law Section, Academy of European Law (ERA), and Ms. Rosa Perna, President of Chamber at the Administrative Tribunal for the Piedmont

9:15 – 9:30 Arrival and registration of the participants

II. CASE STUDY ON AIR QUALITY – FOCUS ON MEDIATION

9:30 – 10:15	Legal update and recent case law on air quality <i>Q&A – Discussion</i>	Mr. Vojtech Vomacka , Advisor in Environmental Law and EU Law Matters, Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic
10:15 – 10:30	Presentation of the facts of the case	Mr. Vojtech Vomacka , Advisor in Environmental Law and EU Law Matters, Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic Ms. Laura Van Dooren , Legal Officer and Internal Mediator – Judicial Support Unit, Administrative Courts Service – Belgium
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 11:45	Work in groups	
11:45 – 12:15	Discussion of results in the plenary	Moderators: - Mr. Vojtech Vomacka - Ms. Laura Van Dooren
12.15 - 12.45	Closing remarks and Post-Training Knowledge Assessment	Ms. Luisa Cortat , Deputy Head of the European Public Law Section, Academy of European Law (ERA) Ms. Eunice Litu , Project Manager, European Judicial Training Network
12.45	Departure of the Participants	

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