

Strengthening EU Environmental Law: Legal Perspectives on Greening Europe

The lecture will be delivered by

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Where Eagles Dare:

How much room for EU Member States under the environmental guarantee (Article 193 TFEU)?

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Abstract

The “environmental guarantee” provided in Article 193 TFEU enables EU Member States to maintain or introduce “more stringent protective measures” beyond environmental protective measures adopted under Article 192 TFEU. This lecture discusses the interpretation of the environmental guarantee by the CJEU and its potential for providing effective protection of the objectives of EU environmental policy. The analysis of case law shows that the development of EU environmental law as a coherent body of law in its own right is preserved by the CJEU. However, this implies that some constraints are put on the ability of EU Member States to act more protectively than EU environmental law, which seems to align with the intention of the drafters of the environmental guarantee, as introduced by the European Single Act.

Bio

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