

EU environmental soft law and its reception in the Member States

Maastricht University, March 14-16, 2018

The Soft Law Research Network (SoLaR) aims to promote multi- and interdisciplinary research about the use of EU soft law by national administrations and courts and to encourage a dialogue between academia and practitioners. It brings together lawyers and political scientists in order to study EU soft law and its operation at the national level. More information can be found at <https://www.solar-network.eu>.

SoLaR will hold its third event in Maastricht on 15 and 16 March 2018 to discuss the use of EU *environmental* soft law in the Member States.

Day 1, Wednesday 14 March

14.00 – 18.00 SoLaR Young Researchers Platform

Location: Maastricht University, Faculty of Law, Room: B1.019

14:00 – 15:45 Session I
15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break
16:15 – 18:00 Session II

19:00 Dinner

Location: Café Zuid, Plein 1992, <http://www.cafezuid.nl/>

Day 2, Thursday 15 March

11.00 – 12:30 Session I (chair: Mariolina Eliantonio)

Location: Maastricht University, Faculty of Law, Room: TBD

Prof. Bruno de Witte (Maastricht University) *Soft law as a tool of EU governance*
Prof. Linda Senden (Utrecht University) *Soft law in the shadow of the hierarchy of norms*

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

Location: TBD

14:00 – 15:00 Session II: EU soft law from the perspective of national judges and national authorities (chair: Emilia Korkea-aho)

Dr. Matthias Keller (Aachen Administrative Court)
Dr. Hans Woldendorp (Dutch Ministry of Environment)

15:00 – 16:00 Session III: Presentation of national reports on the use of EU environmental soft law at national level (chair: Oana Stefan)

Report on United Kingdom by Mary Dobbs (Queen's University Belfast)
Report on Slovenia by Katarina Vatovec (Kranj School of Law)
Report on Italy by Mariolina Eliantonio (Maastricht University)

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:45 Session IV: Presentation of national reports on the use of EU environmental soft law at national level (chair: Mariolina Eliantonio)

Report on Finland by Emilia Korkea-aho (Helsinki University)

Report on France by Sandrine Maljean-Dubois and Eve Truilhé-Marengo (Aix en Provence University)

Report on the Netherlands by Barbara Beijen (Nijmegen University)

Report on Germany by Andreas Hofmann (Gothenburg University)

17:45 – 18:15 Session V: Comparative Remarks and Closure (Mariolina Eliantonio)

19:00 Dinner (SoLaR & speakers only)

Location: Thiessen, Grote Gracht 18, <https://www.thiessen.nl/>

Day 3, Friday 16 March

09.00 – 13.00 Morning session (SoLaR members only)

Location: Maastricht University, Faculty of Law, Room: B1.019

Discussion on advancement of network activities

Discussion of Working Paper

Future plans