



FWO Scientific Research Network  
“Climate Change Law in Europe – Klimaatveranderingsrecht in Europa”

**FWO SRN Summer Workshop 2024**  
**In-person workshop**

26 and 27 August 2024

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**Workshop Program**

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The FWO Scientific Research Network (SRN) “Climate Change Law in Europe - Klimaatveranderingsrecht in Europa” aims to boost and facilitate the development of Climate change law and governance as an autonomous field of legal studies in Flanders (Belgium) and Europe more at large. The network’s activities are centered around four key issues:

1. A just transition to a low carbon economy.
2. Human rights in climate change law.
3. Biodiversity protection in climate change law.
4. Governance innovation, including climate change litigation, in climate change law.

The network comprises seven research teams in the field of climate law under the coordination of the UHasselt Environmental Law Unit (ELU) (Flanders, Belgium): UGent, Centre for environmental & energy law (Flanders, Belgium); UAntwerpen, Law and Development Research Group (Flanders, Belgium); the Centre for Climate Law and Sustainability Studies (CLASS) (Czech Republic); University of Copenhagen, Centre for International Law and Governance (CILG); University of Eastern Finland (UEF), Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law; and University of Strathclyde.

The network’s Summer Workshop 2024 intends to bring together senior and junior researchers from all partner institutions to discuss recent developments in climate change law in Europe, foster joint research, and establish connections. The Workshop aims especially at young researchers: post-doctoral researchers and Ph.D.-students.

## Workshop Program

### Sunday 25 August 2024

Welcome drink in the evening (TBD)

### Monday 26 August 2024 – Keynote and lectures (*yellow room*)

Welcome	
9.00-9.30	Registration and coffee
9.30-9.45	Welcome words and housekeeping

### Lectures and discussions

Network partners will present a lecture on all key research areas of the Network and mediate a session about the lecture's topic. For each session, the Workshop participants will receive a summary of the lecture and some suggested readings and questions to prepare. The topic-specific sessions aim at fostering joint research and publications.

	<b>A just transition to a low carbon economy</b> <i>Sirja-Leena Penttinen (UEF), Theodoros Iliopoulos (UHasselt), and Paula Galbiatti Silveira (UHasselt)</i>
9.45-10.15	Lecture "Can the acceleration of permitting procedures and promotional instruments support the green energy transition in the EU?"
10.15-11.00	Session discussion
	<b>Human rights in climate change law</b> <i>Wouter Vandenhoe (UAntwerpen) and Hana Mullerova (CLASS)</i>
11.00-11.30	Lecture "Responding to the climate crisis: universalizing human rights in time and space"
11.30-12.15	Session discussion
12.15-13.15	Lunch
	<b>Biodiversity protection in climate change law</b> <i>Hendrik Schoukens (UGent) and Tomaso Ferrando (UAntwerpen)</i>
13.15-13.45	Lecture "Biodiversity, wetlands and the climate: existing legal duties and future litigation opportunities"
13.45-14.30	Session discussion
	<b>Governance innovation in climate change law</b> <i>Francesco Sindico (UStrathclyde)</i>
14.30-15.00	Lecture "Climate Change Litigation and its Relationship with the Future of International Climate Change Cooperation"
15.00-16.15	Session discussion
16:15-16:45	Break
Keynote	
16.45-17.45	Keynote speech (online): Prof. Dr. Solange Teles da Silva (Mackenzie Presbyterian University – Brazil)
17.45-18.00	Concluding the day & Housekeeping

19.30 – Event Dinner at *Enigma* (Persoonstraat 14, 3500 Hasselt)

*End of Day 1*

**Tuesday 27 August 2024 – Paper session (room FR-2.34)**

*The Paper session gives postdoctoral researchers and Ph.D.-students the opportunity to discuss their own work with the Workshop participants. Each presentation will last 15' followed by discussions.*

Paper session	
8.45-9.00	Coffee
9.00-10.45	First round of presentations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Kata Dózsa “Green Rights to Children? European Perspectives on Access to Justice for All through the SDG 16 Framework”</li><li>- Caroline Van Esbroeck “Obligations of local governments under Human Rights law to implement nature-based solutions for climate-resilient environments”</li><li>- Nina Koistinen “Litigating the climate transition in the EU: mapping climate-relevant litigation before the Court of Justice of the European Union”</li><li>- Vilja Johansson “Operationalising Just Transition Through Framework Climate Change Laws: A Comparative Analysis”</li><li>- Tekle Tadesse Tesfaslassie “Illegal logging in the EU”</li></ul>
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-12.30	Second round of presentations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Alessandro Monti “Floating Offshore Wind in Italy: Regulatory Framework in a Rising Mediterranean Market”</li><li>- Reza Maddahi “Carbon Capture and Utilization under the EU Law”</li><li>- Jack Travers “Geoengineering: Technological Saviour or Misplaced Faith?”</li><li>- Marina Dutra Trindade “Unlocking the lock-ins: applying path dependence theory to law in the quest for sustainable energy”</li></ul>

Closure and lunch	
12.30-12.45	Final words and Summer Workshop closure
12.45-14.00	Lunch

*End of Day 2 and Workshop*