



EU LEGISLATION ON WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING, DEFORESTATION AND ILLEGAL LOGGING, AND COMBATTING ASSOCIATED CRIME

Online Workshop for judges and prosecutors
19-20 and 26-27 September 2024

EXCELLENCE IN
EUROPEAN LAW⁷

Planned and Invited Speakers

Luisa Cortat, Course Director, European Public Law, ERA, Trier, Germany

Anne Brosnan, Deputy Director (Chief Prosecutor), Legal and Audit Services, Environment Agency, Bristol

Michael Faure, Professor of Comparative and International Environmental Law, Maastricht University

Faustino Gudín Rodríguez-Magariños, Senior Judge, Criminal Court, Segovia; Associate Professor, University of Alcalá

Klaus Lernhart, Judicial Training Advisor, ERA, Trier; former Presiding Judge, Higher Administrative Court, Mannheim

Gábor Lovasi, DG Environment, European Commission, Brussels

Teodor Nita, Prosecutor at the Romanian Court of Appeal, Constanta

Julia Rusch, International Relations Officer – International Wildlife Trade, DG Environment, European Commission, Brussels

Key topics

- Wildlife protection, trade and trafficking
- Forest protection and logging
- Environment Crime Directive
- The role of European organisations/networks/associations
- Investigation of, prosecution of and adjudication on wildlife and forest-related crimes
- CJEU case law
- Preliminary reference procedure
- Various case studies

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English

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Organiser
ERA (Dr Luisa Cortat) on behalf of the European Commission

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19 September 2024

08:45 Connecting to platform

09:00 **Opening of the seminar**

I. SETTING THE SCENE

09:15 **Introduction to environmental, economic, social and criminal impacts of wildlife trafficking, deforestation and illegal logging**

- TRAFFIC's Reports
- CITES database
- Background to the financial flows associated with wildlife trafficking and illegal logging and trade of timber
- Brief presentation of the European anti-money laundering directive

Michael Faure

09:45 Discussion

10:00 Break

II. EU LEGISLATION, POLICY AND CASE LAW

10:15 **Main features in the international law framework**

- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- Convention on Biological Diversity
- The EU role on the international scenario

Faustino Gudin

10:45 Discussion

11:00 **Wildlife protection, trade and trafficking**

- Council Regulation (EC) n. 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein, and its modifications
- Commission Regulation (EC) n. 865/2006 concerning the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) n. 338/97
- EU Action Plan against wildlife trafficking (2022)
- CJEU case law

Julia Rusch

11:30 Discussion

12:00 Break

III. PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH CRIMINAL LAW

12:15 **Environmental Crime Directive**

- Main provisions of the Directive
- State of negotiations and proposed/adopted modifications

Michael Faure

13:00 Discussion

13:15 End of first day

20 September 2024

08:45 Connecting to platform

09:00 Introduction

IV. EU LEGISLATION, POLICY AND CASE LAW (Cont.)

09:05 **Case study on illegal wildlife trafficking**

- Introduction to the case study
- Working groups
- Plenary discussion of the results

Faustino Gudin

10:30 Break

10:45 **Forest protection and logging**

- Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 (EUTR) and the upcoming changes
- Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade Action Plan (FLEGT)
- CJEU case law

Gábor Lovasi

Objective

The aim of this 2.5-day workshop is to provide participants with a comprehensive overview of the wildlife and forest-related crimes which have raised major concerns in recent years. Emphasis will be given to EU legislation and case law related to wildlife trade and trafficking, deforestation, and the illegal timber trade, the relationship between criminal and administrative law provisions for these crimes, as well as the main challenges for investigation, prosecution, and adjudication in this field. This workshop will shed light on the protection of the environment through criminal law with special focus on wildlife and deforestation. By addressing these issues relevant for prosecutors as well as judges, it will facilitate the handling of future national court proceedings in this field.

Who should attend?

Judges and prosecutors from EU Member States interested in environmental law.

Venue

Online: Zoom platform

Your contact persons



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11:30 Discussion

11:45 Break

V. PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH CRIMINAL LAW (Cont.)

12:00 **EU actors and instruments for cooperation**

- The role of organisations/networks/associations such as EUROPOL, OLAF, Eurojust, CEPOL, ENPE, and EUFJE
- Practical examples

Anne Brosnan

12:30 Discussion

12:45 End of second day

26 September 2024

08:45 Connecting to platform

09:00 Introduction

VI. PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH CRIMINAL LAW (Cont.)

09:05 **Investigation, prosecution and adjudication of wildlife and forest-related crimes and offences**

- Usual modus operandi
- Enforcement, sanctions, and ancillary orders in the prosecution of offences
- Case law

Anne Brosnan

09:45 Quiz and discussion

10:15 Break

10:30 **Case study on deforestation and illegal timber trade, and on wildlife trafficking**

- Introduction to the case study
- Working groups
- Plenary discussion for a role-playing exercise

Teodor Nita

12:00 Break

12:15 **Combatting wildlife and forest-related crimes in practice**

Teodor Nita

12:45 Discussion

13:00 End of third day

27 September 2024

08:45 Connecting to platform

09:00 Introduction

VII. ENFORCEMENT AT NATIONAL LEVEL

09:05 **Case study on medicinal products from CITES-listed plants**

- Introduction to the case study
- Working groups
- Plenary discussion of the results

10:30 Break

10:45 **The role of national judges and prosecutors in enforcing EU legislation on wildlife trafficking, deforestation and illegal logging – focus on preliminary reference and the requirement for access to justice**

11:30 Discussion and exchange of experience

12:00 End of the webinar



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Terms and conditions of participation

Selection

1. Participation is only open to judges and prosecutors from all EU Member States.
2. The number of places available is limited. Participation will be subject to a selection procedure. Selection will be dependent on:
 - i. the relevance of the seminars to the professional life of the applicant;
 - ii. geographical and linguistic balance among the participants will be sought;
 - iii. In case of exceeding applications, only one person per institution may be accepted.
3. Online applications can be made until **28 June 2024**
4. A response will be given to every applicant of this workshop shortly after this deadline.

Registration Fee

5. There is no registration fee.

Documentation

The workshop documentation is offered by ERA electronically.

Participation

6. Participation to the whole workshop is required and your presence will be monitored.
7. A list of participants including each participant's address will be made available to all participants unless the ERA receives written objection from the participant no later than one week prior to the beginning of the event.
8. The participant's address and other relevant information will be stored in ERA's database in order to provide information about future ERA events, publications and/or other developments in the participant's area of interest unless the participant indicates that he or she does not wish ERA to do so.
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