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The Environmental Law Network International (elni) was founded in 1990. This network of environmental lawyers in Europe and beyond started with discussions and publications on topics like participation and litigation rights of environmental associations in Europe, licensing procedures for industrial plants, environmentally sound waste management or international Environmental Governance. Since then, the environmental crisis – with climate change, loss of biodiversity and worldwide pollution of air, land and water – has become much more serious. Environmental law has also grown in quantity and quality during these 30 years. So elni's (belated) birthday event might be the right moment to look back and to look ahead with a focus on what environmental law can and should achieve.

The Conference will have a closer look at four major topics: 1) Involvement of the public, 2) Litigation, 3) Climate laws and 4) 'Zero pollution'. Leading European experts on environmental law from academia and legal practice will analyse and discuss past developments, the present situation and future challenges. They will pay particular attention to current plans and legislative proposals at the EU level regarding access to justice, a European Climate Law and the 'Zero pollution' action plan for air, water and soil.

The event is co-organised by elni and the Flemish Environmental Law Association (VVOR).

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| 09h00 | The power of environmental law <i>Prof. em. Dr. Eckard Rehbinder (Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany)</i> Debate with the audience |
| 10h00 | Public involvement: from burdensome addition to essential element <i>Prof. Dr. Jerzy Jendroska (Opole University, Poland) and Dr. Lorenzo Squintani (University of Groningen, the Netherlands)</i> Debate with the audience led by moderator <i>Mrs. Marga Robesin (Nature & Environment, the Netherlands)</i> |
| 11h00 | Coffee break |
| 11h30 | Litigation and duties of states: can courts make a difference? <i>Prof. Dr. Julien Bétaille (university of Toulouse, France) and Dr. Roda Verheyen (Rechtsanwälte Günther, Germany)</i> Debate with the audience led by moderator <i>Prof. Dr. Gerhard Roller (Bingen University, Germany)</i> |
| 13h00 | Sandwich lunch |
| 14h00 | Climate laws: Europe's new hope? <i>Prof. Dr. Delphine Misonne (Université Saint-Louis, Belgium) and Prof. Dr. Marjan Peeters (Maastricht University, the Netherlands)</i> Debate with the audience led by moderator <i>Prof. Dr. Luc Lavrysen (Ghent University, Belgium)</i> |
| 15h30 | Coffee break |
| 16h00 | Zero pollution in 2050: which measures are necessary? <i>Prof. Dr. Martin Führ (Darmstadt University, Germany) and Mr. Jeremy Wates (European Environmental Bureau)</i> Debate with the audience led by moderator <i>Mrs. Isabelle Lar-museau (Flemish Environmental Law Association, Belgium)</i> |
| 17u30 | 30 years elni/elni Review <i>Prof. Dr. Gerhard Roller (Bingen University, Germany) and Dr. Julian Schenten (Darmstadt University, Germany)</i> |
| 18u00 | Birthday drink |

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Venue

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1000 Brussel

VVOR

The Flemish Environmental Law Association (VVOR) wants to encourage the debate on all law relating to the planning and protection of the human environment.

VVOR publishes a review on environmental law and environmental policy: Tijdschrift voor Omgevingsrecht en Omgevingsbeleid (TOO).

www.omgevingsrecht.be

Registration

Live participation: 50 euro

Online participation: Free

Pre-registration is required

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