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Under the patronage of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic Ms. Katerina Sakellariopoulou

# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## Law under the challenge of the environmental crisis

Zoom platform, 6 November 2020

Due to restrictions addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference will be held online. Simultaneous interpretation in Greek and English will be available through the course of the conference.

10.00 - 10.15	<b>Connection – Welcome</b>
10.15 - 10.30	<b>Welcome addresses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WWF Greece: Demetres Karavellas, CEO</li> <li>• Nomos + Physis: Konstantinos Menoudakos, Honorary President, Council of State</li> </ul>
10.30 - 10.45	<b>H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic Ms. Katerina Sakellariopoulou</b> will address the conference
10.45 - 11.00	<b>Introduction: Theodota Nantsou</b> , Head of policy, WWF Greece Presentation of the conference’s topic and the main conclusions of WWF Greece’s 15 annual reviews on the implementation of environmental law in Greece.
11.00 - 11.30	<b>Speaker:</b> <a href="#">Dr Christoph Sobotta</a> , Référéndaire, CJEU “Dormant potentials of EU Environmental Law”
11.30 - 12.00	<b>Discussion</b>

12.00 - 12.15	<b>Coffee break</b>
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	<b>Part A</b>
	<b>The environmental permitting procedure as an essential tool for the protection of the environment</b>
12.15 - 13.15	<b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Alexander Koulidis</a>, Head of Unit C, Directorate of Environmental Licensing, Ministry of Environment and Energy  “Environmental Impact Assessment: environmental protection as a precondition for development”</li> <li>• <b>George Chasiotis</b>, Legal coordinator, WWF Greece  “The ‘shadow’ environmental assessment: ex post regularization of projects in accordance with recent (Greek) law”</li> <li>• <a href="#">Ilias Kouvaras</a>, JD, postdoctoral research fellow in law, Administrative Judge  “The scope of the CoS’ s judicial review and the exclusion of the technical assessments”</li> <li>• <a href="#">Marta Ballesteros</a>, Associate Manager, Milieu Law &amp; Policy Consulting  “Can EU environmental law address environmental crisis? Nature Directives”</li> </ul> <b>Chair: Konstantinos Menoudakos</b> , Honorary President, Council of State
13.15 - 13.45	<b>Discussion</b>

13.45 - 14.15

Lunch break

## Part B

### Science as basis for the development of environmental law

#### Speakers:

- [Hans Bruyninckx](#), EEA Executive Director  
“The role of EEA in shaping European environmental law”
- [Anastasia Romanou](#), NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies  
“The importance of a strong institutional framework in addressing climate change”
- [Matthias Duwe](#), Head, Climate, Ecologic Institute  
“The scientific basis of climate laws in Europe”
- **George Karipsiades**, PhD in International Law, Legal Counsellor at the Legal Service, EU Law Department, Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
“Climate refugees: legal aspects of the humanitarian dimension of climate change”
- **Demetres Karavellas**, CEO, WWF Greece  
“The role of civil society in shaping environmental law”

**Chair:** **George Lialios**, Journalist, “Kathimerini” Newspaper

14.15 - 15.25

15.25 - 16.15

Discussion

16.15 - 16.30

Conclusions – Closing of the conference