



JUDICIAL NETWORKING - Environmental law

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Objectives of the AEAJ

- To advance legal redress for individuals vis-à-vis public authority in Europe and to promote the legality of administrative acts, thereby helping Europe to grow together in freedom and justice,
- To respect the legal cultures in the various **Member States of the European Union and the Council of Europe** on the way towards attaining this objective,
- To help broaden the knowledge of legal redress in administrative matters among administrative judges in Europe, and for this purpose, to have an intensive exchange of information on pertinent legislation and case law,
- To strengthen the position of administrative judges in Europe which is growing together, and
- To promote the professional interests of administrative judges at national and European level.

The AEAJ

- **General Assembly**

- Reports from functionaires, working groups and activities within the Council of Europe
- Reports concerning the actual situation of administrative judges in certain countries
- Admission of new members (nominated by national judges organisations or individual members - membership fee for individuals 30 EUR per year)

- **Board**

- **Working groups**

- Asylum-Immigration
- **Environmental Law**
- Independence-Efficiency
- Taxation
- *Public procurement*

The Working Group on Environmental Law

- 60 members, 23 countries
- Annual workshops
 - 2019 Ljubljana, Judicial Review in Environmental Cases
 - 2018 Salzburg, Aarhus convention
 - 2017 Riga, administrative sanctions in environmental matters
 - 2016 Tenerife, water protection/management
 - 2015 Sofia - access to information, environmental principles
 - 2014 Seville - industrial emissions
 - 2013 Dublin - omissions of authorities
 - 2012 Rome - Mediation and amicable settlements
 - 2011 Vilnius - Interim relief
 - 2010 Aguilas - Access to justice
- Represented in Steering Committee on workshops for judges (ERA contract under EU Commission), EJTN

Workshops

- **Before the workshop:**
- Questionnaire - delivering of domestic solutions on questions related to the main theme of the workshop
- **The workshop**
- General topics ("Recent Developments of EU law")
- Specialised topic/s - introductory lecture (members of the wg), case study/ies discussed in subgroups and later on in the plenary
- Summary of answers to the questionnaire - clarification of answers, discussion on best practice etc.
- Dinner
- **After the workshop**
- Summary sent out and published on the webbsite - "family photos" etc.

Judicial networking

- Strengthening the identity as a judge
- Contacts with colleagues from different countries
 - discussions on judicial matters and mutual judicial problems
 - comparing different legal systems,
 - different domestic approaches towards EU-law (environmental law and administrative law) and
 - different working conditions
- Learning - getting updated by workshops, discussions, e-mails
- Support by colleagues and the association
- Contacts/friendship

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