The role of the court for our future

Lauma Paegļkalna Judge Supreme Court of Latvia The Department of Administrative Cases

What does the effective remedy mean?

- Broad access to court actio popularis
- Low cost of proceedings
- Interim relief
- Scope of review substantive and procedural legality

Actio popularis

- No any additional criteria to be met
- No! reference to environmental protection is insignificant, formal



Low cost of proceedings

- Low court fees
- The exemption from paying a court fee
- State funded legal aid



Interim relief

- At any stage before the final judgement
- Prima facie legality review
- Potential damage to the interests involved
- No prejudice to the final judgement

Scope of review



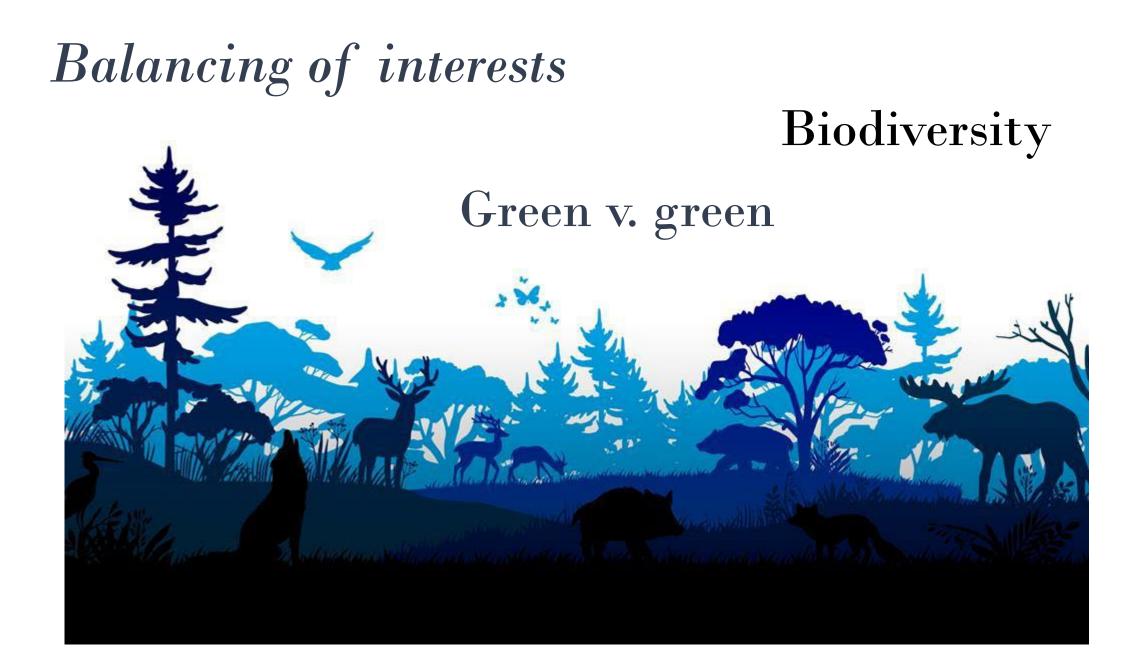
Contemporary global challenges

• Essential element

Public participation

- Reconciliation of interests
- Comprehensive discussion





Public health





Greenhouse gas

Annoyance – noise, vibration, visual aspects

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LocationFlight paths – birds and batsCultural and historic environmentPerspective



