

# Summer Programme

## International and European Environmental Law: *Making it Work*

29 August - 2 September 2016

Fee: € 1495 (regular)/€ 895 (NGOs/(PhD) students)  
Registration: [www.asser.nl/IEEL2016](http://www.asser.nl/IEEL2016)  
Application deadline: 18 July 2016

## Introduction

At the 2015 climate conference in Paris, 195 countries adopted a legally binding agreement to limit the rise of global average temperatures. As the world has already warmed up nearly 1°C since the industrial revolution, the agreement aims at limiting this rise to (preferably) 1.5°C or (at the most) 2°C. Making it work in practice is the next challenge.

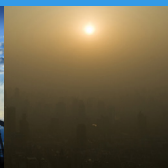
The review system under the Paris Agreement will be of key importance in order to ensure that the parties' commitments to bring down greenhouse gas emissions suffice to reach the targets, and are adequately implemented. Non-state actors like cities, regions, businesses, investors and civil society groups also play an important role in this respect.

Challenges also exist for other environmental treaties and non-binding instruments, like those on wildlife protection and trade in endangered animals and plants, on forestry products, water management and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Similarly, private actors desiring to make their activities and products more sustainable, for instance through certification schemes for palm oil or sustainable investment commitments by banks, face numerous hurdles.

Understanding which regimes work well is crucial if we want to bring negative trends to a halt and make economies more sustainable. This year's Summer Programme will therefore focus on how to make environmental regimes more effective in practice, and on the important role non-state actors can play in achieving this.

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## Programme

After a general introduction on the effectiveness of environmental instruments, and compliance and enforcement mechanisms, the Summer Programme will look at relevant aspects in various Multilateral Environmental Agreements, non-binding guidelines and EU instruments aimed at protection of the environment and promotion of sustainable development. By focusing on making international and European environmental law work, insight is gained into topics such as:

- The effectiveness of international and European environmental law and other instruments;
- Different compliance regimes;
- Enforcement and dispute settlement systems;
- The role of different state and non-state actors;
- Options for future improvements.

## Study visit

The role of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the enforcement of international environmental law will be highlighted during a visit to this UN body at the Peace Palace in The Hague. In preparation of the visit, some of the recent environmental case law of the ICJ will be discussed.

## Target audience

This year's Summer Programme aims to attract professionals from the public and private sector, as well as NGOs, interested in or working with environmental protection and/or sustainability issues. Furthermore, the programme is open to (PhD) students and other academics that want to deepen their knowledge in international and EU environmental law.

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## Fee

Regular: € 1495

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This fee includes lectures, study materials, study visits, water/tea/coffee and lunch during working days, a reception and an opening dinner.

The fee does not cover (international) travel costs, domestic travel to and from airports, (hotel) accommodation, insurance or other expenses. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut can provide prospective participants with a list of suitable hotels in The Hague.

## Testimonial

*"The Summer Programme was very well structured and included lectures on all burning issues related to climate change and environmental law in the current scenario."*

(Participant of the Summer Programme on International and European Environmental Law 2015)

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