





## Summer Programme on International and European Environmental Law: *Making it Work*

## **Confirmed Speaker:**

Anton van Elteren, Senior Environmental & Social Officer at FMO

## Lecture

Sustainable financing in practice – complementing international law

The lecture on Sustainable Financing will start with a short introduction on FMO, the Netherlands Development Bank. After that we set the stage with respect to the broad variety in hard and soft law, regulations and voluntary agreements in terms of international sustainability. The lecture will then elaborate on what sustainability means for the banking sector, followed by a description of FMO's sustainability framework, and how we put that in practice. To conclude the presentation, some other international frameworks for sustainability will be discussed briefly, and after that we hope to have a good conversation to exchange views on the above.



## **Biography**

Anton van Elteren is a Senior Environmental & Social Officer with FMO since 2001. Implementing FMO's sustainability policies (based on IFC Performance Standards) both internally and with clients worldwide are an important part of his work. Currently working in sectors like Infrastructure, Manufacturing and Services, he has provided sustainability guidance and training to numerous FMO clients all over the world, including financial institutions. Waste management is one of his dedicated focus sectors. Summarising, Anton's experience into sustainable finance reaches from microfinance to Equator Principles. Being a biologist by origin, prior to working for FMO he has worked for over 16 years as an environmental consultant. Well-cherished memories are kept from longer-term working relationships with sustainability professionals on projects in NW Ethiopia, the North-Western Frontier Province in Pakistan, the Peruvian rainforest and Siberia (yes, North of the Arctic!) to name a few.