



Summer Programme on International and European Environmental Law: *The Future We Choose*

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Paris 2015: preparatory negotiations held in Bonn

From 1 to 11 June, preparatory negotiations were held in Bonn in order to further prepare the new global agreement to fight climate change, to be concluded in Paris at the end of 2015. The textual negotiations in Bonn were based on the official text produced by Parties at the meeting held in February 2015 in Geneva. Topics covered in Bonn included the substantive content of the final agreement including mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology, capacity building and transparency of action. The meeting was to continue progress on addressing the most effective ways to raise climate action before 2020, which is when the final agreement would come into effect. Identifying ways to scale up climate ambition pre-2020 took place in a series of Technical Expert Meetings (TEMs).

Apart from the technical negotiations, at a political level the heat is being turned up as well. Laurent Fabius, the French foreign minister, said that any deal concluded in Paris must be worded in such a way that it doesn't require approval by the US Congress, which would exclude an international treaty prescribing legally binding limits on greenhouse gas emissions. For many countries, this would be a serious setback for their climate change ambitions.

This year's Summer Programme on international and European Environmental Law will deal extensively with the ongoing climate change negotiations. Dr. Leonardo Massai, a Legal and Policy Advisor that took part in the negotiations, will provide valuable insights on how negotiations are conducted, amongst others by providing a workshop, in order to get first-hand experience on international Climate Change negotiations. Dr Massai wrote a brief evaluation of the progress achieved in Bonn that can be found on our website.

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