



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

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Lecture

Time that is enjoyed wasted is not wasted time: The EU on its way to a circular economy

After spending fifty years developing a legal framework for the management of waste, the EU is now working on a 'smart' solution to avoid applying this framework. The EU Action Plan for the Circular Economy published in December 2015 sets a first move in this direction. Yet, it falls short to address the complexity of creation and regulating a circular market in the field of waste. This lecture will first provide an overview of the EU waste law framework and the tools therein proposed to stimulate a circular economy as regards waste. Second, it will highlight those challenges that the member states are facing while moving towards a circular market in light of competition law, public procurement law and the law of the internal market.



Biography

Dr Lorenzo Squintani is Assistant Professor of European and Economic Law at the University of Groningen (The Netherlands). He is also a member of the managing boards of the European Environmental Law Forum (EELF.info), and of the Journal for European Environmental and Planning Law (JEEPL). He is Series Editor of the EELF Book Series. His research and teaching interests include EU substantive law and EU environmental and climate law. Dr Squintani has authored several publications in the areas of European environmental and climate law, an overview of which is available at <http://www.rug.nl/staff/l.squintani/research>. Dr Squintani regularly advises Dutch, EU, and/or International institutions on (EU) environmental issues.

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