



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

Confirmed Speaker:

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Lecture

The EU system of adjudicating environmental cases

Once European Environmental Law has been enacted, it needs to be applied and enforced. In this respect, the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) and the national courts in the member states play a crucial role. This lecture will address both the CJEU's and the member states' national courts roles in adjudicating environmental cases. Taking into account the CJEU's jurisprudence, the lecture will focus on the judicial protection of European Environmental Law in the EU's legal order. As such, a special focus will be the infringement procedure and the possibility to fine Member States not complying with EU environmental legislation.



Biography

Jens Hamer joined the German Supreme Audit Institution (Bundesrechnungshof) in 2011. After four years as Senior Audit Manager in the audit unit "EU affairs", he is currently the deputy spokesperson of the Bundesrechnungshof. From 2007 to 2011, Jens Hamer served as a *Référéndaire* (Legal Secretary) at the General Court of the EU. Prior to that, he was the Head of the section "European Business Law" at the Academy of European Law Trier, where he was responsible, among other, for European Environmental Law. Jens Hamer lectures EU Environmental Law as well as EU Law and gives various speeches and presentations at different conferences. He is the author of several publications in the area of EU Environmental, EU Energy Law and European Economic Law.