



Recent CJEU Case Law on Waste, Water, Air Quality, Industrial Emissions, and Chemicals

Webinar for Judges, Prosecutors, and
Court Staff

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Key topics

- Waste legislation and case law
- Water legislation and case law
- Air Quality legislation and case law
- Industrial emissions legislation and case law
- Chemicals legislation and case law
- The role of national judges

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Monday, 8 December 2025

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Welcome and introduction**
Training Manager or Training Officer

I. Setting the scene: the role of EU environmental case law, the fundamentals of EU legislation on waste, water, and industrial emissions

09:15 **The role of EU case law in the effectiveness of national environmental law implementation**

- CJEU
- Infringement procedures
- Preliminary rulings

EC Representative

09:45 Discussion

10:00 Short break

10:10 **Introductory presentation: brief overview of landmark judgments of EU legislation on waste, water, air quality, industrial emissions, and chemicals**

Vojtech Vomacka

10:40 Discussion

10:55 Short break

II. CJEU case law on waste management and water protection

11:00 **Waste Management**

Key findings of the CJEU in cases C-252/22 (*Societatea Civilă Profesională de Avocați Plopeanu & Ionescu*), C-86/22 (*Papier Mettler Italia*), C-315/20 (*Regione Veneto (Transfert de déchets municipaux en mélange)*), C-181/20 (*VYSOČINA WIND*), C-21/19 - C-23/19 (*P.F. Kamstra Recycling*), C-15/19 (*Azienda Municipale Ambiente*), and to illustrate the problems with implementation in case C-109/22 (*Commission v Romania*).

11:30 Discussion

11:45 Short break

12:00 **Water Protection and Urban Wastewater Management**

- Key findings of the CJEU in cases C-301/22 (*Sweetman*), C-671/22 (*Bezirkshauptmannschaft Spittal an der Drau*), C-525/20 (*Association France Nature Environnement*), C-629/19 (*Sappi Austria Produktion a Wasserverband*), C-535/18 (*Land Nordrhein-Westfalen*)
- Cases C-576/22 (*Commission v Spain*), C-481/22 (*Commission v Ireland*), C-197/22 (*Commission v Italy*), C-587/22 (*Commission v Hungary*), C-328/22 (*Commission v Slovenia*), C-510/20 (*Commission v Bulgaria*), C-559/19 (*Commission v Spain*), C-668/19 (*Commission v Italy*), C-22/20 (*Commission v Sweden*).

Alessandra Donati

12:30 Discussion

12:45 End of the first day of the webinar

Objective

This two-morning webinar aims at providing a comprehensive update on the CJEU's recent judgments in various environmental fields. Through interactive lectures, participants will receive an overview of the case law of the EU Courts, the fundamentals of EU environmental law, and their role in national implementation of EU environmental legislation on water, waste, air quality, industrial emissions, and chemicals. The webinar aims to serve as a platform to promote judicial dialogue and cooperation of practitioners within the judiciary.

About the Project

This seminar is part of a large-scale project sponsored by the European Commission with the title 'Cooperation with national judges in the field of environmental law'.

Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors, and court staff interested in environmental law.

Online conference

Hosted on Zoom

Networking opportunity

Our legal training events offer a fantastic opportunity to connect with legal professionals and high-level speakers from different parts of Europe. Together, you will have the chance to network during our coffee breaks.

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Tuesday, 9 December 2025

08:30 Connecting to the platform

III. Case law on air and noise, industrial emissions and emissions trading, and chemicals

09:00 **Air Protection and Ambient Noise Regulation**

- Key findings of the CJEU in cases C-177/19 P to C-179/19 P (Allemagne - Ville de Paris and others v Commission), C-873/19 (Deutsche Umwelthilfe (Réception des véhicules à moteur)), C-61/21 [Ministre de la Transition écologique and Premier ministre (Responsabilité de l'État pour la pollution de l'air)], C-693/18 (CLCV and Others)
- Cases C-633/21 (Commission v Greece), C-342/21 (Commission v Slovakia), C-125/20 (Commission v Spain), C-730/19 (Commission v Bulgaria), C-286/21 (Commission v France), C-573/19 (Commission v Italy), C-644/18 (Commission v Italy), C-687/20 (Commission v Portugal), C-683/20 (Commission v Slovakia), C-635/18 (Commission v Germany), C-664/18 (Commission v United Kingdom), C-637/18 (Commission v Hungary), C-683/20 (Commission v Slovakia).

Aleksandra Bujaroska

09:30 Discussion and Quiz

09:45 **Chemicals**

Key findings of the CJEU in cases C-654/22 (Triferto Belgium), C-309/22 and C-310/22 (PAN Europe), C-813/18 P (Deza v Commission), C-592/18 (Darie), C-119/21 P (Plastics Europe), C-71/23 P and C-82/23 P (Titanium Dioxide).

Minna Heikkilä

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Short break

10:45 **Industrial Emissions Directive, and EU ETS**

Key findings of the CJEU in cases C-626/22 (Ilva SpA), C-311/22 (Moesgaard Meat 2012), C-43/21 (FCC Česká republika), C-320/19 (Ingredion Germany), C-826/18 (Stichting Varkens in Nood and Others), C-617/19 (Granarolo), C-938/19 (Energieversorgungscenter Dresden-Wilschdorf), C-271/20 (Aurubis), C-575/20 [Apollo Tyres (Hungary)], C-524/20 (VÍTKOVICE STEEL), C-165/20 (Air Berlin), C-189/19 (Spenner), C-113/19 (Luxaviation).

Peter Vajda

11:15 Discussion

11:30 Short break

IV. The role of the national judge

11:45 **Role of the National Judge**

General aspects of EU environmental law, including the role of national judges as EU judges and the importance of preliminary references on both interpretation and validity of EU acts. Case C-524/20 (VÍTKOVICE STEEL) will be analysed and search tools will be presented.

Matthias Keller

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Evaluation of the webinar

13:00 End of the webinar

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Madrid, 16-18 February 2026

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