Seminari: Access to justice as a mechanism to guarantee the application of environmental law: current situation in Europe and the United States of America

Objectives
To delve into the most important aspects of access to justice as a tool to ensure the application of environmental law, to analyse the EU’s challenges in this area, and to clarify the role of courts, public administrations and civil society.

Principle 10 of the 1992 Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, as well as the International Convention on the Access to Environmental Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in the Environment of June 25, 1998 (Aarhus Convention) emphasize the idea of strengthening environmental law through access to justice. To that end, Decision 1386/2013/EU of the Parliament and of the Council of November 20, 2013 on the General Program of Action of the Union on the Environment until 2020 “living well, respecting the limits of our planet” has set as one of the EU’s nine priority goals on the environment, “to maximize the benefits of EU environmental legislation by improving its implementation” and has emphasized access to justice as one of the key mechanisms. The importance of access to justice in environmental matters have also been set out in the Communication of the European Commission on Access to Justice in the Environment on April 28, 2017 (2017/C 279/01).

Addressess
Academics and students, judges, prosecutors, lawyers, staff of the administration of justice and public administrations, and anyone interested on access to justice in the environmental matters.

Provisional program
9.15am to 9.30am: Opening
9.30am to 10.30am: Speakers
11.30am to 11.45am: Break
11.45am to 12.15pm: Communications
12.15pm to 1.45pm: Round table and debate
1.45pm to 2pm: Conclusions and closure

Seminar: The incorporation of environmental dimension in the higher education and the role of Jean Monnet actions for the promotion of the EU environmental policy

Objectives
To discuss the role of higher education and of instruments offered by the Jean Monnet actions in advancing on public environmental policies and academic development in the field of environmental law. The seminar will provide attendees with the opportunity to exchange ideas on the most effective ways to integrate environmental teaching into university curricula. At the same time, it will also serve to raise awareness and encourage students to think on the relationship between their university studies and the need for environmental protection.

To this end, several questions arise: How can environmental action be promoted through innovative teaching? How to deal with the diversity of higher education in environmental matters? What role do environmental clinics play? What pedagogical resources do we have to include the environmental dimension into university curricula?

Addressess
Academics, researchers, students and university administration staff, public administration workers, members of environmental nongovernmental organizations.

Provisional program
3.30pm to 3.45pm: Opening
3.45pm to 5.30pm: Lectures
5.30pm to 6.45pm: Break
5.45pm to 6.45pm: Communications
6.45pm to 7.30pm: Debate

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