

## **ANNUAL EELF CONFERENCE 2017**

### **SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – LEGAL APPROACHES & INSTRUMENTS**

**30. AUGUST – 1. SEPTEMBER 2017**

**COPENHAGEN, DENMARK**

#### **CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS**

The 2017 annual European Environmental Law Forum conference will be organized as a joint effort of the European Environmental Law Forum (EELF), the Nordic Environmental Law, Governance & Science Network (NELN+), the University of Copenhagen (Faculty of Science) and Aarhus University (School of Law).

The Copenhagen conference is dedicated to the sustainable management of natural resources and the role of different legal approaches and instruments. Sustainable management of natural resources such as water, biodiversity and air remains a key concern at EU as well as national level. Despite the adoption of several EU directives such as the Habitats Directive (1992), the Air Quality Directive (1998), the Water Framework Directive (2000), and the Waste Framework Directive (2008) the environmental objectives have not been met and doubts can be raised whether they will be. Important questions relate to the appropriateness and effectiveness of various legal approaches and instruments – as well as the potential implementation deficits related to such instruments. The conference aims to highlight key legal issues related to existing legal approaches and instruments as well as possible improved solutions to ensure sustainable management of natural resources. Such legal issues can be related to e.g. the design as well as the implementation of various legal instruments and approaches at EU and national level.

The organizers are hereby inviting submission of abstracts for presentations at the conference. Presentations must fall within the overall conference theme and we in particular invite abstracts within the subthemes indicated below. Presentations should have a European perspective or relevance. We encourage senior as well as junior researchers, including PhD scholars, to submit abstracts. Practitioners and others are also welcome to submit abstracts.

Subthemes:

- 1) Water Management
- 2) Biodiversity and Nature Management
- 3) Air quality management
- 4) Raw materials and waste management

Furthermore, abstracts are invited on the cross-cutting theme:

- 5) Ecological sustainability – fundamental questions and implications for environmental law and governance

### **Submission of abstracts:**

Abstracts shall be written in English, not exceed 500 words, indicate the precise topic of the proposed paper and the related subtheme(s), and consist of a short description of the content of the contribution and up to three main theses. Abstracts, together with a short biography of max. 150 words should be sent to [Linda Andersen: lindaa@law.au.dk](mailto:lindaa@law.au.dk) by **17th March 2017**.

Abstracts will be reviewed on a rolling basis, as received, with a final decision to be provided by 27 April 2017 at the latest.

### **Registration and further information**

A conference web site will be set up soon. Registration will open in January 2017. The website will also provide further information on accommodation, travel, draft program etc.

Please be aware that accommodation should be booked/reserved well ahead of the event. A list of recommended hotels will be available on the website.

### **Organizing Committee**

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