

Funding for European conference on environmental law, organised by Aarhus University and the University of Copenhagen

Purpose of funding

Funding is granted to the conference "Sustainable Management of Natural Resources – Legal Approaches and Instruments", which will be held from 30 August to 1 September 2017, hosted by Aarhus University (AU) and the University of Copenhagen (KU).

Heading the conference are Professor Birgitte Egelund Olsen, Department of Law, AU, and Professor Helle Tegner Anker, the Department of Food and Resource Economics, KU. The conference will be held within the framework of European Environmental Law Forum (EELF), which is a European network for everyone employed or doing research in environmental, energy and climate law, see <http://www.eelf.info/>

The conference is linked to a book project where the best and most relevant contributions – based on the topic of the conference – will be selected for publication. The book is expected to be published in the spring of 2018 as a publicly accessible publication.

Conference topic

The conference topic is relatively wide and focuses on how legal measures can contribute to and support sustainable use of resources, in particular in terms of water, biodiversity and nature, air as well as raw materials and waste. Some 120 abstracts have been accepted, which will be presented at parallel sessions over the three-day conference. The submitted abstracts cover a broad range of aspects of environmental law, such as sustainability, circular economy, waste management, extraction of raw materials, aquatic environment, marine environment, biodiversity, natural protection, agriculture, climate adaptation, environmental responsibility, criminal law, involvement of the public etc.

Structure of the conference

Around 140 participants are expected, including a large share of young scholars, PhD students and postdocs/assistant professors in environmental, climate and energy law. The conference will be built around plenary sessions with keynote speakers kicking off each day, followed by parallel sessions on conference sub-topics. At these sessions, scholars and others working in environmental, climate and energy law – e.g., in central administration, with companies or NGOs – will be able to present projects and findings. A priority will be to allow young scholars to present their research and receive feedback from the established research community.