

# CLIMATE CHANGE LITIGATION TRENDS IN EUROPE:

## Taking stock from practice and prospects for Finland.

In the last 15 years, litigation before international and domestic judicial and quasi-judicial bodies has increasingly prompted state and corporate actors to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and redress harms associated with the impacts of climate change.

This timely event will focus on major developments in climate litigation in Europe and their implications for Finland. It will feature leading climate change litigation experts and practitioners, reflecting on recent developments before European courts.

### International programme 09.00-12.30

09.00-09.10 (EET) 8.00-8.10 (CET)	<b>Welcome and Opening</b> <i>Kati Kulovesi, Professor of International Law, Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law (CCEEL), University of Eastern Finland (UEF) Law School</i>
09.10-09.40 (EET) 8.10-8.40 (CET)	<b>The State of European Climate Change Litigation</b> <i>Annalisa Savaresi, Associate Professor of International Environmental Law, CCEEL, UEF Law School</i>
09.40-10.00 (EET) 8.40-9.00 (CET)	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
10.00-10.20 (EET) 9.00-9.20 (CET)	<b>Climate Litigation before the European Court of Human Rights</b> <i>Natalia Kobylarz, European Court of Human Rights (online)</i>
10.20-10.30 (EET) 9.20-9.30 (CET)	<b>Response</b> <i>Jacques Hartmann, Reader in International Law, University of Dundee, UK</i>
10.30-10.45 (EET) 9.30-9.45 (CET)	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
10.45-11.15 (EET) 9.45-10.15 (CET)	<b>Health Break</b>
11.15-11.30 (EET) 10.15-10.30 (CET)	<b>Recent Cases in European Climate Litigation: Milieudefensie et al v. Royal Dutch Shell PLC and its Implications</b> <i>Harro van Asselt, Professor of Climate Law and Policy, CCEEL, UEF Law School</i>
11.30-11.45 (EET) 10.30-10.45 (CET)	<b>Recent Cases in European Climate Litigation: Neubauer et al. v Germany and its Implications</b> <i>Gerd Winter, Professor of Environmental Law, Research Center for European Environmental Law, University of Bremen (online)</i>
11.45-12.00 (EET) 10.45-11.00 (CET)	<b>Recent Cases in European Climate Litigation: Commune de Grande-Synthe v France and its Implications</b> <i>Paul Mougeolle, Notre Affaires à Tous (online)</i>
12.00-12.20 (EET) 11.00-11.20 (CET)	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
12.20-12.30 (EET) 11.20-11.30 (CET)	<b>Closing of the international part of the seminar</b>

**Finnish programme**  
**“Ilmasto-oikeudenkäynnit” 13.30-16.30 (EET)**

13.30-13.40	<b>Yhteenveto aamupäivästä ja katse eteenpäin: Ilmasto-oikeudenkäynnit Euroopassa - entä Suomessa?</b> <i>Kati Kulovesi, CCEEL, Itä-Suomen yliopisto</i>
13.40-13.50	<b>Ilmasto-oikeudenkäyntien rooli oikeusturvakeinona Suomen oikeusjärjestelmässä</b> <i>Elina Pirjatanniemi, Åbo Akademi</i>
13.50-13.55	<b>Kommenttipuheenvuoro</b> <i>Raija-Leena Ojanen, WWF</i>
13.55-14.10	<b>Kolme valitustietä? Ilmastosuunnitelmat, lupaprosessit, laillisuusvalvonta</b> <i>Antti Belinskij, SYKE/UEF</i>
14.10-14.55	<b>Kommenttipuheenvuorot</b> <i>Outi Kumpuvaara, Ympäristöministeriö</i> <i>Kari Kuusiniemi, Korkein hallinto-oikeus</i> <i>Mikko Puumalainen, Oikeuskanslerinvirasto</i>  <i>Keskustelua</i>
14.55-15.10	<b>Tauko</b>
15.10-15.25	<b>Perus- ja ihmisoikeudet ilmasto-oikeudenkäynneissä: Suomen näkökulma</b> <i>Milka Sormunen, Helsingin yliopisto</i>
15.25-16.30	<b>Paneelikeskustelu</b> <i>Keskustelijat: Kaisa Kosonen, Greenpeace</i> <i>Tuomas Ojanen, Helsingin yliopisto</i> <i>sekä muita asiantuntijoita</i> <i>Puheenjohtajat: Kati Kulovesi ja Antti Belinskij</i>
16.30	<b>Tilaisuuden päätös</b>



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