

Seminar

# The Making of Environmental and Climate Policies in Brussels

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Description:** The seminar will provide information on today's agenda. What are the latest developments with respect to environmental directives and regulations? Against this background, the role of procedures, institutions and working groups, and committees in the field of environmental and climate policy, will be discussed in detail. How can we understand and influence the decision-making process in the environmental field and what features are relevant for our own work? What are the particularities of DG Environment, the Council working groups and the Environment Committee of the European Parliament? And most importantly for national experts: how are directives negotiated in the working groups of the Council? How has the decision-making framework changed? How do Commissioners and officials in the Commission, Council working groups and COREPER react to the new pressing climate change agenda?

**Objectives:** The seminar will focus on examples of recent legislation and the role of actors and institutions in the decision-making process. This will be done in an interactive way through simulation games using the examples of recent environmental legislation.

The seminar will also provide updated documentation on policy proposals, working groups and committees, and on important contacts and sources of information in the environment field.

**Target Group:** The seminar has been designed for officials working in national and regional administrations, non-governmental organisations and academics who deal with or monitor EU environmental and climate policy. It is meant for beginners as well as for officials who wish to update their knowledge of legislation and decision making.

**Language:** The conference will be conducted in English.

**Programme:** The seminar takes place in Maastricht and will commence on Monday at 09.00 and will finish on Tuesday at 17.00. Registration of participants on Monday starts at 08.45.

**Seminar Venue:** The seminar will take place at the Green Conference Room (1.45) of the European Institute of Public Administration, O.L. Vrouweplein 22, NL-6211 HE Maastricht, tel.: +31.43.3296222, fax: +31.43.3296296.

**Fee:** The participation fee is € 650 and includes documentation, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and refreshments. Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration.

**Hotel:** The European Institute of Public Administration will be pleased to make hotel reservations for you at a hotel in Maastricht. We have made a block booking at Amrâth Grand Hotel de l'Empereur\*\*\*\* ([www.hotel-empereur.nl](http://www.hotel-empereur.nl)), at the rate of ± € 110,- p.p.p.n. (incl. breakfast and tourist tax). Should you wish to make use of this possibility, please indicate the dates of arrival and departure on the registration form. Payment is to be made directly and personally to the hotel on checking out. Please note that if you register after the closing date, hotel reservations cannot be guaranteed.

**Meals:** Lunches will take place at the Institute's restaurant. Dinner on Monday evening will take place at a restaurant in Maastricht city centre. Should you require a special menu (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic), please inform the Programme Organiser so that this can be arranged.

**Registration:** Kindly complete the registration form and return it **before 9 March 2009** to Ms Esther Haenen, Programme Organiser, European Institute of Public Administration, P.O. Box 1229, NL-6201 BE Maastricht. Tel.: +31.43.3296246; fax: +31.43.3296296; e-mail: [e.haenen@eipa.eu](mailto:e.haenen@eipa.eu). You can also submit the on-line registration form. Go to [www.eipa.eu](http://www.eipa.eu) and scroll down to *Forthcoming Seminars and Training Courses*.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation of registration will be forwarded to participants on receipt of the completed registration form.

**Payment:** Prior payment is a condition for participation. Please indicate the method of payment on the registration form. For cancellations received after the closing date indicated on the registration form we will have to charge an administration fee of € 150 unless a replacement participant is found.



## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

### Monday 23 March 2009

- 08.45 Registration of participants
- 09.00 Welcome and introduction  
*Martin Unfried*, Senior Lecturer, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)
- 09.15 Environmental policy in Brussels: how recent directives were made  
*Martin Unfried*
- 10.45 Coffee break
- 11.00 The role of the Commission, Council and Parliament  
*Martin Unfried*
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 The role and the performance of the Presidency  
*Jost-Henrik Morgenstern*, Research Assistant, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)
- 15.15 Coffee break
- 15.30 The Environmental Attachés group of the Council: current negotiations and practices  
*Bernd-Ulrich Hildebrandt*, German Federal Ministry of Environment, Bonn (DE) (invited)
- 16.30 Climate Change and more: The coordination of international environmental policy within the EU  
*Pernille Sørensen*, Danish Ministry of Environment, Copenhagen (DK)
- 17.30 End of the first day
- 19.00 Dinner at a restaurant in Maastricht

### Tuesday 24 March 2009

- 09.00 Brief summary of the first day  
*Martin Unfried*
- 09.15 Negotiating the Packaging Directive in the Council working group – a simulation game  
Introduction to and simulation of the negotiation of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive  
*EIPA negotiation team: Martin Unfried & Frank Lavadoux*
- 10.45 Coffee break
- 11.15 Second part of the simulation and evaluation
- 12.15 Lunch
- 14.00 Practical challenges of the implementation of EU legislation  
*Esther Versluis*, Director of Studies MA European Public Affairs, Maastricht University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences - Department of Political Science, Maastricht (NL)
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.30 The role of the European Parliament and its Environment Committee: current developments  
*Martin Unfried*
- 16.30 Evaluation and end of the seminar

# Registration Form

European Environmental Policy

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Surname: ..... Title: .....  
First name: ..... M / F .....  
Current position: .....  
Organisation: .....  
Department: .....  
Work address: .....  
Postal code & town: ..... Country: .....  
Tel. no. (work) : ..... Fax no.: .....  
E-mail address: .....

### PAYMENTS — 0930901

The participation fee includes participation in the seminar, documentation,  
2 lunches, 1 dinner and beverages

€650

#### Method of payment:

**Bank transfer**

The participants or their administration will receive an invoice for the payment of the registration fee.

Invoice address (if different from the abovementioned address):

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E-mail: .....

**Credit card**

American Express Card

Eurocard/Mastercard

Visa Card

Card no.: ..... Expiry date: ...../.....

Name Card holder: ..... (in case this differs from above)

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Note: Pre-payment is a condition for participation. For administrative reasons, a fee of € 150 will be charged for cancellations received after the closing date unless another participant is designated.

### HOTEL RESERVATION

Please reserve hotel accommodation for me.

**Date of arrival:**

**Date of departure:**

**No. of nights:**

No hotel reservation required.

### MEALS

To all participants 2 lunches and 1 dinner will be served. However, please indicate any special menu

Vegetarian:  yes -> fish allowed  yes  no

Other (e.g. diabetic, glutenfree) : .....

**As the number of places is limited**, please return the completed registration form **before 9 March 2009** to:

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