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Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre

Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre Seminar:

IMPLEMENTATION AND APPLICATION OF AIR QUALITY STANDARDS IN THE EU

Stockholm 23 November 2007



Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre, at Stockholm University, arranges a seminar on the implementation and application of air quality standards in the EU.

Air quality standards are important means of control in the EU pollution. Yet, the legal effects of these norms as well as their effectiveness from the environmental perspective are contested. This one-day seminar will compare the experiences of air quality standards in different EU member states from a legal viewpoint.

- **Date:** 23 November 2007, 9.00-16.00
- **Venue:** Juristernas Hus (Lawyers' House), Stockholm University, Stockholm
- **Free of charge, but registration necessary**
- **Updates on speakers and programme** are announced at the website of Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre, at: www.juridicum.su.se/smc/eng/
- **Deadline for registration:** 15 November 2007

Programme:

- 9.00-9.15 *Jonas Ebbesson and Karolina Ardesjö Lundén, Stockholm Environmental Law and Policy Centre: Welcome*
- 9.15-9.45 *Christian Nagl, Vienna: Implementation of air quality standards in Austria, and European experiences with plans and programmes to implement air quality standards in cases of violations*
- 9.45-10.15 *Remo Klöpper, Berlin: Implementation and application of air quality standards in Germany*
- 10.15-10.45 *Chris Backes, Maastricht: Implementation and application of air quality standards in the Netherlands*

10.45-11.00	Questions and Comments
11.00-11.15	Coffee
11.15-11.45	<i>Aaron McLoughlin, Brussels</i> : Implementation and application of air quality standards in the UK
11.45-12.15	<i>Lena Gipperth, Göteborg</i> : Implementation and application of air quality standards in Sweden
12.15-12.30	Questions and Comments
12.30-14.00	Lunch
14.00-16.00	Thematic panel discussion with the speakers.
16.00-17.00	Get-together

Issues to be debated:

- In what ways are air quality directives implemented in the EU member states?
- What is the normative content of air quality standards?
- What are the legal consequences of exceeding/violating air quality standards?
- To what extent can air quality standards be invoked by members of the public?
- Do the EC air quality standards have direct effect? If so, what does it mean in practice? To what extent is that reflected in the jurisprudence of national courts?
- How adequate are air quality standards as means of control? Can they be used more effectively?

The seminar is of interest to environmental lawyers, environment specialists, practitioners, civil servants and representatives from administrations, political institutions, academia, media, non-governmental organizations and the corporate sector.

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Please pass this invitation on to interested persons and institutions.

Much welcome,

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