



EU and Polish Air Quality and Noise Legislation

Workshop for Polish judges, prosecutors, and court staff

Warsaw, 26-28 November 2025



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EUROPEAN LAW⁷

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Key topics

- Scientific and technical aspects of air and environmental noise pollution
- Aims and main elements of the Air Quality Directive (AQD)
- Limit and target values – Art. 13(1) and Art. 16 AQD
- Air Quality Plans – Art. 23(1) AQD
- Litigation for air quality and noise
- Environmental Noise Directive
- Access to justice & clean air and environmental noise cases across the EU
- Main provisions in Polish Air Quality and Environmental Noise Law
- Relevant CJEU case law
- Preliminary ruling procedure
- Case Studies

Language

Polish and English with simultaneous interpretation

Organiser

ERA (Anna Kanellopoulou) on behalf of the European Commission (contracting authority) in cooperation with the Chancellery of the President of the Supreme Administrative Court of Poland

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Wednesday, 26 November 2025

08:45 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Welcome, practical information, and introduction of participants**
Jerzy SIEGIEŃ and Anna Kanellopoulou

I. SETTING THE SCENE

09:15 **Effects of air and noise pollution on human health: a scientific and technical introduction**
Daphne Parliari

10:00 Discussion

10:15 **Introduction to the framework of EU clean air policies**

- Overview of the EU's long-term air quality objectives and main policy and legislative tools
- Policy and Legislation changes and the adoption of the Revised AQD
- Overview of the NEC Directive

Christina Olsen Lundh

11:00 Discussion

11:15 Coffee break

II. OVERVIEW OF THE MAIN EU AIR QUALITY AND NOISE LEGISLATION

11:45 **Air Quality Directive (AQD)**

- Genesis and development
- Main objectives and key features
- Links with other relevant EU legislation

Peter Vajda

12:30 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

13:45 **Adoption of an air quality plan according to Article 23 AQD**

- Main provisions
- Implementation at national level
- Similarities and differences compared with other "plans" required by EU Environmental Law

Peter Vajda

14:30 Discussion and quiz

15:00 Coffee break

III. AIR QUALITY DIRECTIVE UNDER SCRUTINY

15:30 **Limit and target values – Focus on PM2.5 and PM10**

- Different air quality objectives for the protection of human health
- Overview of limit values for the protection of human health (Article 13(1) and Annex XI)
- Limit values under the new AQD
- Evolution of the PM2.5 legal standards (Article 15 and Article 16 AQD) and comparison with the World Health Organization guidelines

Christina Olsen Lundh

16:15 Discussion

16:45 **Assessment of air quality**

- Different assessment methods: monitoring, modelling and indicative measurements
- Requirements for number, type and location of sampling points (Articles 6 and 7 AQD)
- Citizen science and low-cost sensors

Daphne Parliari

17:15 Discussion

17:30 End of first workshop day

19:00 Joint conference dinner

Objective

The goal of this 2.5-day workshop is to develop a comprehensive understanding of the key legal aspects of EU and national air quality and noise legislation, and to enable judges to exchange views on this topic.

Emphasis will be given to the analysis of the main provisions relating to limit and target values for certain pollutants (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀) as well as air quality plans. In addition to this, the spotlight will be put on the right to clean air and access to justice in air quality cases both at EU and national level.

By addressing these issues concerning the implementation of the Air Quality Directive and the Environmental Noise Directive, the workshop aspires to facilitate the handling of future national court proceedings relating to these topics.

About the Project

This seminar is part of a large-scale project sponsored by the European Commission entitled "Cooperation with national judges in the field of environmental law". It consists of four seminars to take place online, and face to face in Sofia, Warsaw and Florence.

Who should attend?

Polish judges, prosecutors, and court staff working with environmental law.

Venue

Naczelnny Sąd Administracyjny
(Supreme Administrative Court)
ul. Boduena 3/5
PL-00-011 Warsaw

Networking opportunity

Our legal training events offer a fantastic opportunity to connect with legal professionals and high-level speakers from different parts of Europe. Together, you will have the chance to network during our coffee breaks and at the conference dinner.

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III. AIR QUALITY DIRECTIVE UNDER SCRUTINY (Cont.)

09:30 **Case study on the main provisions of the Air Quality Directive (AQD)**

- Introduction to the case study
- Working groups
- Plenary discussion of the results

Mariusz Baran

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Environmental Noise Directive**

- Main objectives and key features
- Emphasis on scope, neighbours' noise, priority areas
- Action Areas
- Strategic noise mapping
- Noise management action plans and legal status
- Quiet areas and legal consequences

Mariusz Baran

12:30 Lunch

IV. AIR QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE IN THE NATIONAL LAW

13:15 **Air Quality Provisions under National Legislation**

Ilona Przybojewska

14:00 Discussion and quiz

14:30 **Environmental Noise Provisions under National Legislation**

Ilona Przybojewska

15:15 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **National Case Law on Air Quality and Environmental Noise**

Teresa Zyglewska

16:45 Discussion

17:00 End of the second workshop day

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V. ENFORCEMENT AT NATIONAL LEVEL

09:30 **What is the role for a national judge in air quality and noise litigation? – Preliminary reference**

Matthias Keller

10:15 Discussion and quiz

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 **Case study on access to justice for citizens and NGOs in cases relating to air quality (role-play exercise)**

- Introduction to the case study
- Working groups
- Plenary discussion of the results

Matthias Keller

12:45 **Take-home messages and evaluation of the workshop**

Anna Kanellopoulou

13:15 End of the workshop

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Terms and conditions of participation

Selection

1. Participation is only open to judges, prosecutors and members of court staff from Poland.
2. The number of places available is limited. Participation will be subject to a selection procedure. Selection will be dependent on:
 - i. the relevance of the seminars to the professional life of the applicant;
 - ii. geographical balance among the participants will be sought;
 - iii. In case of exceeding applications, only one person per institution may be accepted.
3. Online applications can be made until **25 September 2025**.
4. A response will be given to every applicant of this workshop shortly after this deadline. We advise you not to book any travel or hotel before you receive our confirmation.

Registration Fee

5. There is no registration fee.

Travel expenses

6. **The travel expenses will be reimbursed to a maximum of 200 euros** subject to the submission of the originals of travel receipts (like flight ticket, boarding pass, train ticket, taxi costs can only be reimbursed in exceptional cases and has to be justified in written, etc.). Participants are advised of the obligation to use the most cost-efficient mode of transport available.

Accommodation

7. **Maximum 3 hotel nights** will be covered directly by ERA, only for the hotel booked by ERA.

Other services

8. Lunches, beverages consumed during the event and the workshop documents are offered by ERA.

Participation

9. Participation to the whole workshop is required and your presence will be monitored.
10. A list of participants including each participant's address will be made available to all participants unless the ERA receives written objection from the participant no later than one week prior to the beginning of the event.
11. The participant's address and other relevant information will be stored in ERA's database in order to provide information about future ERA events, publications and/or other developments in the participant's area of interest unless the participant indicates that he or she does not wish ERA to do so.
12. A certificate of attendance will be issued at the end of the workshop.
13. For further details please follow our project website: www.era.int/environmental_law

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