

EUI Alumni Conference, 20-21 June 2008

EU environmental policy and governance: the challenge of climate change and beyond

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1st workshop

Venue: European University Institute (EUI),
Villa Schifanoia, Sala Triaria

Date: **20/21 June 2008** (Friday/Saturday)

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Objectives and approach

This conference focuses on emerging trends in EU environmental policy and governance, including interactions with energy policy and EU economic competitiveness, in particular the goal of a competitive low-carbon economy. The aim is to contribute to a deeper understanding of these fields and their inter-relations based on a multidisciplinary approach comprising the four disciplines taught at the EUI: economics, history, law and political and social sciences. EU environmental policy and governance have undergone important changes in recent years. These can be characterised broadly as a stronger focus on the challenge of sustainable development. This has led to an increased emphasis on long-term goals, the external dimension of EU environmental policies, and on the integration of environmental and sectoral economic policies. EU policy to combat climate change stands out as the politically most important example of these developments, which, however, can also be observed in other fields of EU environmental policy-making.

The conference seeks to enhance our understanding of the implications of these changes for EU environmental governance and policy as well as related policies, in particular energy policy. Reflecting both the comprehensiveness of the changes and the fact that they have been particularly pronounced in EU policies related to climate change, the conference focuses on three main sub-themes:

- 1) Environmental governance: continuity and change;
- 2) A competitive low-carbon economy: what role for regulation and policy;
- 3) Climate change, energy policy, and the external role of the EU.

Thursday 19 June, 16:00h-17:00h: Art History Tour

Organised by AA Secretary Valerie.Hayaert@eui.eu (inscriptions on AA webpage until 18/6)

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 20 JUNE 2008

9:00 Opening session: Yves Mény, EUI President, **Stefano Bartolini**, RSCAS Director, **Francisco Torres**, AA President. **Welcome Address: Secretary General Marco Del Panta** (also referring to ongoing “*Green EUI*” initiatives).

9:15-10:45 EU environmental governance: continuity and change (I)

Chair: Milica Uvalic, U. of Perugia (uvalic@unipg.it)

This section discusses environmental governance implications of a stronger emphasis on long-term aims, the global dimension of certain environmental problems and efforts to integrate environmental and economic sectoral policies. How can emerging governance arrangements be characterised? Where and why have they emerged? How do they relate to pre-existing mechanisms and structures? To what extent are the governance arrangements effective?

Governance by Self-Regulation in EU Environmental Policy

Adrienne Héritier and Sandra Eckert, EUI/RSC (Sandra.Eckert@EUI.eu)

Rediscovering Hierarchy - The "new" EU approach on Climate Change

Christian Hey, Secretary General, German Council of Environmental Advisors

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Environmental and Energy Policies and Governance in the EU

Annette Bongardt, UM & IEEI, Lisbon (abongardt@sapo.pt) and **Francisco Torres**, IEE/UCP & INA, Lisbon (ftorres@iee.ucp.pt)

The evolution of EU environmental policy: a governance perspective

Ingmar von Homeyer, Ecologic, Berlin (ingmar.homeyer@ecologic.eu)

11:00-11:15 Coffee-break

11:00-13:00 A competitive low-carbon economy: what role for regulation and policy?

Chair: Pippo Ranci, Florence School of Regulation / RSC (pippo.ranci@eui.eu)

The goal of transforming the EU economy into a competitive low-carbon economy raises issues related to the adequacy of regulation, the choice of policies and of instruments. Under which conditions and to what extent can the internal market serve as a basis for making environmental protection and economic competitiveness compatible with each other? What is the role of the regulatory framework and of supporting policies? What is the role of the EU, member states, regional and private actors?

Recent jurisprudential developments in the field of sustainable development

Francesco Francioni, Law/EUI (Francesco.Francioni@EUI.eu)

Conflicts of interest between competition policy and environmental policy

Philippe Delacote, Université de Nancy 2 (Philippe.Delacote@univ-nancy2.fr)

Climate change and energy policy: a European perspective

Simone Borghesi, Università di Pescara (borghesi@unisi.it)

The role of regulation in reducing the environmental impact of energy systems

Pippo Ranci, Florence School of Regulation / RSC (pippo.ranci@eui.eu)

*Competition policy, economic regulation and environmental protection.
Complementarities and/or trade-offs*

Annette Bongardt (abongardt@sapo.pt) and **João Gata**, Portuguese Competition Authority (jgata@autoridadedaconcorrenca.pt)

13:00-14:15 Conference lunch, Villa Schifanoia

Lunchtime book presentation: *Back to Maastricht. Obstacles to constitutional reform within the EU Treaty (1991-2007)*, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishers.

Proceedings from previous AA conference edited by Stefania Baroncelli, Carlo Spagnolo and Simona Talani (L.S.Talani@bath.ac.uk) AA e-journal subcommittee)

14:15-16:00 – Climate change, energy policy, and the external role of the EU

Chair: **Donatella Della Porta**, SPS/EUI (donatella.dellaporta@eui.eu)

On the external front, the EU has assumed the role of a leader and a global player in regard to climate change and in international negotiations. This raises questions such as to its capacity to conduct and (credibly) commit in international negotiations, and to its capacity to shape global governance rather than being subject to globalisation. In addition, it raises the question as to the link between the external and internal dimension of policy-making and governance.

The relationship between Community institutions and the role of the EU in global environmental agreements

Tatiana Coutto, SPS/EUI (Tatiana.Coutto@EUI.eu)

Forerunners and policy tunnels

Jan Kunnas, HEC/EUI (jan.kunnas@eui.eu) and **Timo Myllyntaus**, U. Turku (timmyl@utu.fi)

Climate as a security issue for the EU? Implications for the notions of effective multilateralism and civilian power

Angela Liberatore, European Commission and Vrije Universiteit Brussel, (angela.liberatore@ec.europa.eu)

Energy and Climate Protection: an Integrated Approach

Marco Lombardo, University of Bologna (mlombardo@cirdce.unibo.it)

16:30 – Special Visit to Corridoio Vasariano Reserved collection of Gli Uffizi, kindly organised by EUI Secretary General **Marco Del Panta** (16 participants)

([link to photos here](#))

20:00 – Conference dinner (barbecue) at the Loggia, Badia

(Announcement of the Alumni Prize: best interdisciplinary EUI PhD thesis 2006-08)

SATURDAY, 21 JUNE 2008

10:00-12:00– EU environmental governance: continuity and change (II)

Chair: Susan Senior, Università di Siena (senior@unisi.it)

The sustainable development paradigm and “new modes of governance” have become key features of EU environmental policy over the last decade. The shift towards sustainable development has increased the focus on the interface between environmental and other policies. In contrast to more traditional governance patterns, “new modes of governance” are characterised by flexible arrangements, which leave a wide leeway for state and non-state actors at national and sub-national levels to get involved and shape implementation.

Co-Decision and Environmental Policy: Efficiency and Transparency

Daniela Corona, Law/EUI (daniela.corona@eui.eu)

Experimentalist environmental governance in the EU

Ingmar von Homeyer, Ecologic, Berlin (ingmar.homeyer@ecologic.eu)

Coexistence of GM and non-GM and the OMC regulatory method

Patrycja Dąbrowska, Warsaw University (p.dabrowska@uw.edu.pl)

An Unsustainable State: Contrasting Food Practices and State Policies in the Czech Republic

Petr Jehlička, The Open University (P.Jehlicka@open.ac.uk) and **Joe Smith**, The Open University (J.H.Smith@open.ac.uk)

Report on position and recommendations of the UN Committee for Development Policy on Climate change

Milica Uvalic, UN Committee for Dev. Policy on Climate change (uvalic@unipg.it)

12:10-12:30 Conclusions (and discussion of practical questions concerning publication)

Annette Bongardt, Ingmar von Homeyer and Francisco Torres

13:00-14:00 Conference lunch, Pizzeria San Domenico

2nd and 3rd workshops

Venue: Edinburgh and Brussels, tbc; Date: September 2008, tbc

A second and third workshop will take place a couple of months later in order to allow for the participation of other participants, namely from the European Investment Bank, the European Environmental Agency and the European Commission. The workshops will also serve for the revision and selection of papers to be published by the editors and to contact with publishers and editors of journals.