



FWO Scientific Research Network  
“Climate Change Law in Europe – Klimaatveranderingsrecht in Europa”

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**  
**Deadline 31 May 2024**

For the in-person workshop  
FWO SRN Summer Workshop 2024

to take place on  
26 and 27 August 2024  
at Hasselt University, Hasselt, Belgium

The FWO Scientific Research Network (SRN) “Climate Change Law in Europe - Klimaatveranderingsrecht in Europa” aims to boost and facilitate the development of Climate change law and governance as an autonomous field of legal studies in Flanders (Belgium) and Europe more at large. The network’s activities are centered around **four key issues**:

1. A just transition to a low carbon economy.
2. Human rights in climate change law.
3. Biodiversity protection in climate change law.
4. Governance innovation, including climate change litigation, in climate change law.

The Network comprises seven research teams in the field of climate law under the coordination of the UHasselt Environmental Law Unit (ELU) (Flanders, Belgium): UGent, Centre for environmental & energy law (Flanders, Belgium); UAntwerpen, Law and Development Research Group (Flanders, Belgium); the Centre for Climate Law and Sustainability Studies (CLASS) (Czech Republic); University of Copenhagen, Centre for International Law and Governance (CILG); University of Eastern Finland (UEF), Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law; University of Strathclyde, Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance (SCELG).

The network's Summer Workshop on Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 August 2024 intends to bring together senior and junior researchers from all partner institutions to discuss recent developments in climate change law in Europe, foster joint research, and establish connections. The Workshop aims especially at young researchers from post-doctoral level onwards, but Ph.D.-students too are welcome.

On Tuesday 27 August 2024, a Paper session will be organized to give postdoctoral researchers and Ph.D.-students the opportunity to discuss their own work with the Workshop participants. The Workshop organizing committee will select ten presentations. Each presentation will last 10'. Groups of 3 or 4 presentations will be followed by a 30' discussion. The presentations must cover a topic under one of **the four key issues** mentioned above and refer to climate change law in Europe (or comparative research).

Additionally, on Monday 26 August 2024, parallel sessions with a lecture and discussion time will be organized for each of the four key issues that the Network researches. Participants having their papers accepted for the Paper session on Tuesday 27 August are required to participate to these parallel sessions. They will be previously informed on the session they will join and receive a summary of the introductory lecture as well as some suggested readings and questions to prepare. The topic-specific sessions aim at fostering joint research and publications.

#### **Conditions to participate and funding**

Researchers with accepted abstracts are required to participate in both Workshop days, actively engage in the discussions, and prepare for both the presentation of the own abstract (Tuesday 27 August) and their topic-specific sessions (Monday 26 August). All postdoctoral researchers with accepted abstracts will receive funding for transport costs (reimbursed up to 300 euros) and accommodation (max. 2 hotel nights in individual rooms booked by the organizing committee). This funding possibility does not extend to Ph.D.-students. There are no registration costs or fees.

#### **Submission of abstracts**

We hereby invite junior researchers (postdoctoral researchers and Ph.D. students) affiliated with the FWO SRN partners to submit an abstract of max. 500 words. Abstracts should be written in English, refer to one or more of the four key issues mentioned above and give a clear description of the content of the contribution. Please also include a short CV of max. 150 words. Submissions should be sent via email to [environmental.law@uhasselt.be](mailto:environmental.law@uhasselt.be) by 31 May 2024 at the latest. Please use the phrase "Submission of Abstract - FWO SRN Summer Workshop 2024" as the subject of the email. Since the places are limited, and the submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis, we encourage you to contact us and submit your abstracts as soon as possible. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection procedure on a rolling basis too, and at the latest by 15 June 2024.

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