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WORKSHOP in Salzburg (Austria) on

The Aarhus Convention with a focus on Access to Information and Access to Justice

30 – 31 August 2018

Thursday, 30 August

Venue: Universität Salzburg, Rechtswissenschaftliche Fakultät, Hörsaal 208, Churfürststrasse 1

9:00-9:45 **Arrival and registration, explanation of the programme**

Welcome speech

Landtagspräsidentin Dr. Brigitta Pallauf

9:45 – 10:00 **Presentation of the participants**

10:00 – 10:40 **A presentation of Austrian environmental law**

Martin Köhler, presiding judge at the Verwaltungsgerichtshof (Vienna)

- 10:40 – 11:10** **Coffee break**
- 11:10 – 11:25** **A presentation of the Aarhus Convention; its three pillars and bodies**
Fruzsina Bögös, judge at the Budapest-Capital Administrative and Labour Court/member of the Aarhus Compliance Committee
- 11:25 – 11:40** **A short presentation of the Espoo Convention and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessments**
Anders Bengtsson, senior judge, Land and Environment Court in Växjö (Sweden)
- 11:40 – 12:20** **Access to Justice in Environmental Matters: the Notice from the European Commission of 28 April 2017**
Daniele Franzone, senior expert - European Commission – DG Environment
- 12:30 – 14:00** **Lunch**, Gasthaus “Zwettler’s”, Kaigasse 3
- 14:00 – 14:30** **Access to Environmental Information – A presentation of the recent CJEU case law**
Holger Böhmnn, judge at the Federal Administrative Court in Leipzig (Germany)
- 14:30 – 17:00** **Case study on Access to Environmental Information (including coffee break);** introduction and discussions in subgroups. Afterwards presentation of the outcome in the plenary by each group
Holger Böhmnn
- 19:30** **Dinner**, *Kult – Wirtshaus* „Pauli Stubm“, Herrengasse 16

Friday, 31 August

- 09:00 – 09:45** **Self-executing character of the Aarhus Convention from the perspective of Austrian law.**
Julia Menguser, Salzburg University
- 09:45 -10.15** **Coffee break**
- 10.15 – 10.45** **Access to Justice: 10 Questions to the Member States Presentation of the answers / discussion / comparisons**
Matthias Keller, presiding judge at the Administrative Court of Aachen (Germany)
- 10.45 - 12.30** **A. Access to Justice: A Simulation of Court Proceedings**
Matthias Keller

B. Closure with a short summary of past and coming activities in the working group – Introduction into the afternoon programme

- 12:30 – 14:00** **Lunch**, Gasthaus „Resch & Lieblich“, Toscaninihof 1 A
- 14:00 – 15:00** **Reserved time for continuing of the morning session**
- 16:00 – 19:00** **Sightseeing, visit of the castle**
- 19:30** **Dinner**, Augustiner Braugasthof Krimpelstätter, Müllner Hauptstraße 31

Saturday, 1 September 2018

- 10:00 - 12:00** **Sightseeing, guided city walk**
- 13.00** **Lunch:** „Die Weisse“ (Austria's oldest Wheat Beer Brewery)
Rupertgasse 10

Anders Bengtsson/Matthias Keller/Werner Heermann/Barbara Weiss