



Workshop in Ljubljana (Slovenia) on 29 - 30 August 2019

Report

The annual workshop on environmental law was dedicated to „Judicial Review in Environmental Cases: Scope, subject matter, limits”.

The workshop was attended by 22 AEAJ members from countries (Austria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Slovenia and Sweden). Our honorary member from Japan, our observer from the European Commission and a guest from Azerbaijan was also participating in this workshop. The event was organized locally by working group member Andrej Kmecl. We owe many thanks to him!

The event was held in cooperation with the EU Commission and the Law Faculty of the University of Ljubljana. The Law Faculty had provided us with our conference hall.

Ms Jasna Segan, President of the Administrative Court of Ljubljana and member of our Association, held the welcome speech.

Then Tanja Pucelj Vidovic, from the Slovenian Ministry of Environment, gave us a very interesting presentation of Slovenian environmental law.

Daniele Franzone, senior expert - European Commission – DG Environment gave a presentation of the latest developments regarding the EU case-law related to the Aarhus Convention and also some hints of what can be to be expected from the future development in the EU.

Mariolina Eliantonio, Maastricht University and member of our working group, gave us an introduction on Evaluations of technical/scientific evidence in environmental matters.

In the afternoon and on Friday morning we were provided with national strategies and experiences on Evaluation of technical/scientific evidence in environmental matters, with the perspectives from the Netherlands (Rene Seerden), Finland (Sinnikka Kangasmaa), Estonia (Daimar Liiv), Germany (Werner Heermann), Italy (Marco Morgantini) and Sweden (yours truly).

On Friday Matthias Keller, presiding judge at the Administrative Court of Aachen (Germany) and co-chair of the working group on environmental law, presented the results from the questionnaire, which was sent out in advance to the workshop, requesting responses from each country represented at the workshop.

He then introduced us to a session in a moot court where some of the participants acted as the court, some as representatives of the administration and some as representatives of very active ENGOs. This year we were introduced to the technical novelty of heat-bulbs.

Before summing up we had a discussion on where and when to have the next years workshop.

As usual the workshop also included touristic and social events (see the document “Agenda”).

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