

# Avosetta Meeting

Vienna, 25-26 May 2018

## Venue:

WU University of Economics and Business  
Welthandelsplatz 1, LC (Library and Learning Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Clubraum  
1020 Vienna

**Friday, 25 May 2018**

## Flexibilities with regard to meeting EU regulatory objectives and requirements

From 09.30      Coffee/tea

**10.00            Welcome address**

**10.15 – 11.00    Policies of prioritising economy and ecology**

*Chair: Verena Madner*

Part I of the Questionnaire:

National policies and legislative acts aiming to prioritise economy over ecology and vice versa

**11.00 – 11.45    Offsetting regulatory directions**

*Chair: Bernhard Wegener*

Introduction by *Gerd Winter*: EU law on climate change and climate protection

Part II.1 of the Questionnaire:

Using international credits to comply with MS carbon emission reduction targets (EU-ETS and Non-ETS); future (expected) developments in view of recently agreed EU legislation post 2020 (central points of national debate)

**11.45 – 12.00    Coffee break**

**12.00 – 13.00    Exemptions from regulatory directives**

*Chair: Zanita Mikosa*

Introduction by *Richard Macrory*: EU Water Framework Directive and establishing less stringent environmental objectives

Part II.2 of the Questionnaire:

Exemptions from environmental targets in special, economy-related, circumstances; general and case-by-case application

- 13.00 – 14.00**    **Lunch** (Restaurant ‘Das Campus’, on campus)
- 14.00 – 14.15**    **Coffee break** (at the meeting venue)
- 14.15 – 15.00**    **Techniques aiming at introducing more flexibility to or even diluting regulation**  
*Chair: Alexandra Aragão*  
 Summary discussion on Part II of the Questionnaire: regulatory tendencies and tendencies in applying ‘flexibilities’ – common ground and differences; future (expected) developments
- 15.00 – 16.00**    **Exemptions and offsetting combined: the case of NATURA 2000**  
*Chair: Jan Darpö*  
 Introduction by *Agustín García Ureta*: EU law on nature protection, exemptions and offsetting combined  
 Part III of the Questionnaire:  
 Compensatory – mitigating – protective measures in the context of the appropriate assessment under the Habitats Directive; further national legal possibilities and court practices; ecological economics
- 16.00 – 16.15**    **Coffee break**
- 16.00 – 17.00**    **Final discussion on ‘flexibilities’ and initial discussion on next Avosetta meeting**  
*Chair: Massimiliano Montini*  
 Regulatory tendencies and tendencies in applying ‘flexibilities’ – common ground and differences; future (expected) developments  
 Discussions about the topic of the 2019 Avosetta meeting, place for meeting, overall orientation; possible initial discussions about the 2020 Avosetta meeting
- 17.00**            **End of the first day**
- 17.00**            **Joint trip to the Austrian National Library, Baroque State Hall**  
 Includes short walk and tram ride exploring some of the many different faces of Vienna along the way (ia Green Prater, First District)
- 18.10**            **Meeting point for guided tour**  
 Josefsplatz 1, entrance hall, 1010 Wien (service desk)
- 18.15**            **Guided tour at the Austrian National Library, Baroque State Hall**  
 Highlights from the exhibition  
 ‘A Treasure Trove of Knowledge – 650 Years of Austrian National Library’
- 19.30**            **Dinner** (Restaurant ‘Servitenwirt’, Servitengasse 7, 1090 Wien)

**Recent developments in the EU and Member States**

- From 9.00      Coffee/tea
- 9.30 – 10.45      Session I: Recent developments**
- Focussing on reports regarding recent developments in Climate Change litigation and Air Quality litigation
- Chair: Luc Lavrysen*
- 10.45 – 11.00      Coffee break**
- 11.00 – 12.15      Session II: Recent developments**
- Reports regarding recent developments concerning resource extraction.  
Further highlights of reports on recent developments
- Chair: Aine Ryall*
- 12.15 – 12.45      Session III: EU initiative ‘Better Enforcement of EU Environmental Law’ and the (possible) role of the Avosetta group**
- Chair: Gerd Winter*
- Introduction by *Richard Macrory*: EU initiative ‘Better Enforcement of EU Environmental Law’ (Action Plan and Expert Group)
- 12.45-13.15      Any Other Business, Closing Statements**
- 13.15                  End of the meeting**
- 13.15                  Light Lunch (at the meeting venue)**