

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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| PROJECT | |
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| Participant: | 6 - PIC PRAVNI CENTER ZA VARSTVO CLOVEKOVIH PRAVIC IN OKOLJA LJUBLJANA (PIC) |
| PIC number: | 931013082 |
| Project name and acronym: | Discussions and Actions on Climate and Environment – DACE |

| EVENT DESCRIPTION | |
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| Event number: | D18.1 |
| Event name: | Climate Rights Seminar SI |
| Type: | Online seminar |
| In situ/online: | <i>Online</i> |
| Location: | Online |
| Date(s): | 24. 4. 2024 |
| Website(s) (if any): | pic.si |
| Participants | |
| Female: | 67 |
| Male: | 40 |
| Non-binary: | 0 |
| From country 1 [Slovenia]: | 82 |
| From country 2 [Germany]: | 5 |
| From country 3 [UK]: | 4 |
| From country 4 [Serbia]: | 3 |
| From country 5 [Hungary]: | 2 |
| From country 6 [Austria]: | 2 |
| From country 7 [Czechia]: | 1 |
| From country 8 [Sweden]: | 1 |

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| From country 9 [Palestine]: | 1 | | |
| From country 10 [Bulgaria]: | 1 | | |
| From country 11 [Romania]: | 1 | | |
| From country 12 [Poland]: | 1 | | |
| From country 13 [Netherlands]: | 1 | | |
| From country 14 [Belgium]: | 1 | | |
| From country 15 [Bangladesh]: | 1 | | |
| Total number of participants: | 107 | From total number of countries: | 15 |

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

• Introduction

This report presents the implementation of the event “For Whom the Bell Tolls – Climate Rights and Litigation”, which is the last of the three events of PIC within the DACE project. We held it as an international event with several globally known experts in the subject area of climate change and law.

The event was implemented on the 24th of April 2024. It was held online, on Zoom.

The event lasted for approximately 4 hours, between 10:00 and 14:00 CEST.

The event was recorded (audio and video).

The seminar was intended for NGOs, as stipulated in the DACE project, for legal practitioners (judges, civil servants, solicitors, etc.), for law students and for legal academia. Other stakeholders such as representatives of companies were present at the event as well as it was organized as a public event.

The main objectives of this event within the DACE project was:

- to bring the concept of climate rights to the NGOs, legal community and other interested participants, especially within presentation regarding climate litigation,
- to discuss the role of law and more specifically of human rights in addressing the climate crisis,
- to illuminate the legal responsibility of public and non-governmental entities for actions that are climate-focused,
- to present climate rights issues in the national and international context, especially in the fields of human rights, international climate accords and policy-making, planning, litigation and other areas.

- to present an overview of national, EU and international legal framework and strategic litigation addressing climate change, based on the legal study prepared by PIC.

This report addresses:

- The programme of the event,
- The substance of each presentation and a short introduction of the presenters,
- An overview of the participants,
- Webpage and social media posts regarding the event.

- **Programme**



Banner graphic of the event

10:00 – Opening words, Aljoša Petek (PIC)

10:10 - Human Rights-Based Approaches to Tackling the Climate Crisis - Dr David R Boyd, United Nations Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment

10:25 - Some Human Rights Dimensions of Global Climate Policy - Prof Stephen Humphreys, Law School, London School of Economics

10:55 - Climate Rights in the Decisions of the United Nations Human Rights Committee - Prof Vasilka Sancin, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana

11:35 – Break (10 minutes)

11:45 - Fair Share Contribution of States to Climate Goals in the Paris Agreement - Dr Andreas Geiges and Dr Luzie Helfmann, Climate Analytics and Climate Action Tracker

12:15 - Climate Change in Planning Law - Dr Samuel Ruiz-Tagle, Centre for Climate Engagement, University of Cambridge

12:55 - Break (10 minutes)

13:05 - Fridays for Future Estonia v Narva-Jõesuu (Shale Oil Plant) - Kertu Birgit Anton, Estonian Environmental Law Center

13:45 - Legal Responsibility of Corporations for Climate Change - Luka Štrubelj, PIC

The full invitation with the program is available [here](#).

- **Presentations**

The first part of the event consisted of presentations which focused on the international perspective of climate rights. It was discussing international human rights developments regarding climate-related matters. It dealt with the effects of climate change on human rights and the effects this has on the justice considerations in the international policy context. It was considered in the light of recent judgements of the European Court on Human Rights regarding the action of states regarding climate change. This was further discussed in the context of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights with the emphasis on the cases in front of it. Finally, the first part illuminated the role of the Paris Agreement on the action of states.

The second part of the event was focused on the national contexts for climate-related rights and the litigation in that regard. It elucidated the importance of carbon budgets for the national as well as the sub-national level, and the role that planning law has for reaching net-zero. We heard about the experience of an Estonian NGO group that was leading the nation's first climate lawsuit regarding the shale oil plant. In conclusion, we discussed the role of non-state parties to tackle climate change, and the role that law plays in mandating this responsibility.

In the opening statement, the structure and the goals of the event were introduced, including the project DACE and its goals, including target groups.

In the first presentation, Dr David R Boyd, United Nations Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment discussed the close interrelationship between climate change and human rights. The impacts of climate change effectively diminish the enjoyment of many crucial human rights aspects such as the right to life, healthy living environment, access to safe drinking water etc. He outlined main developments, and pointed to a recent decision of the Inter-American Court on Human Rights. Dr Boyd pre-recorded the audio as he could not join us in person.

In the second presentation, Prof Stephen Humphreys, Law School, London School of Economics addressed the crucial developments of climate policy as pertaining to human rights. He was discussing different justice considerations of climate change and how policy developments in the context of human rights are developing in this regard. He was pointing to cross-jurisdictional issues and to limiting effects that current human rights developments have in this regard.

In the third presentation, Prof Vasilka Sancin presented the work of the UN Human Rights Committee regarding climate change. She highlighted the importance of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights for tackling climate change and discussed the most prominent cases that addressed this question, particularly the case of *Teitiota v New Zealand* and *Daniel Billy and others v Australia* (Petition of Torres Strait Islanders).

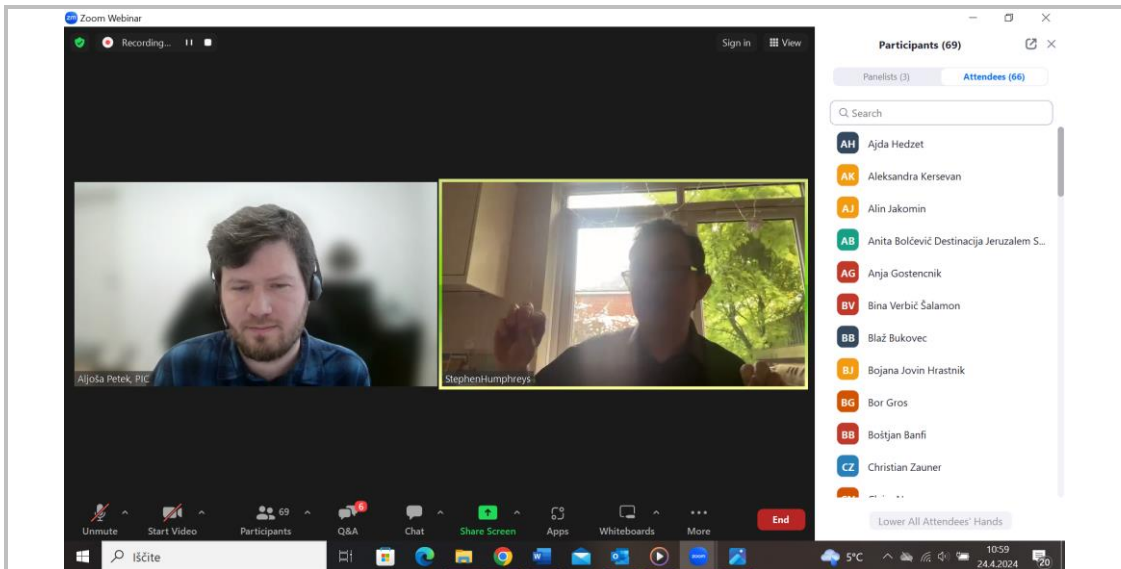
After the first three presentations, there was a short break.

In the fourth presentation, Dr Andreas Geiges and Dr Luzie Helfmann from Climate Analytics presented the fair share methodology that they are using for assessing climate actions of states within the Climate Action Tracker project. They illuminated the various considerations and assumptions that they base their analysis on when evaluating contributions of states to the targets from the Paris Agreement.

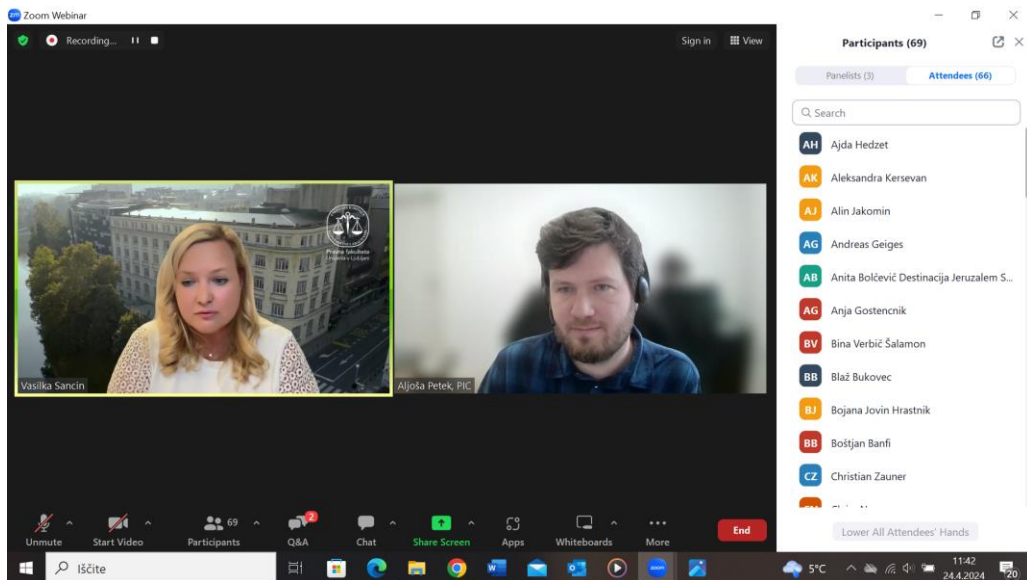
In the fifth presentation, Samuel Ruiz-Tagle, Research By-Fellow from Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge, and Senior Research Associate from the Centre for Climate Engagement elaborated on the legal governance of climate change in the UK, more specifically in England, and the gaps therein for the governance of local carbon budgets. He addressed the importance of planning law and the local authorities in terms of climate change, and discussed some recent cases.

In the sixth presentation, Kertu Birgit Anton presented the first Estonian climate case *Fridays for Future Estonia v Narva-Jõesuu* (Shale Oil Plant). She presented the legal arguments used in the case and the ongoing developments with the said shale oil plant.

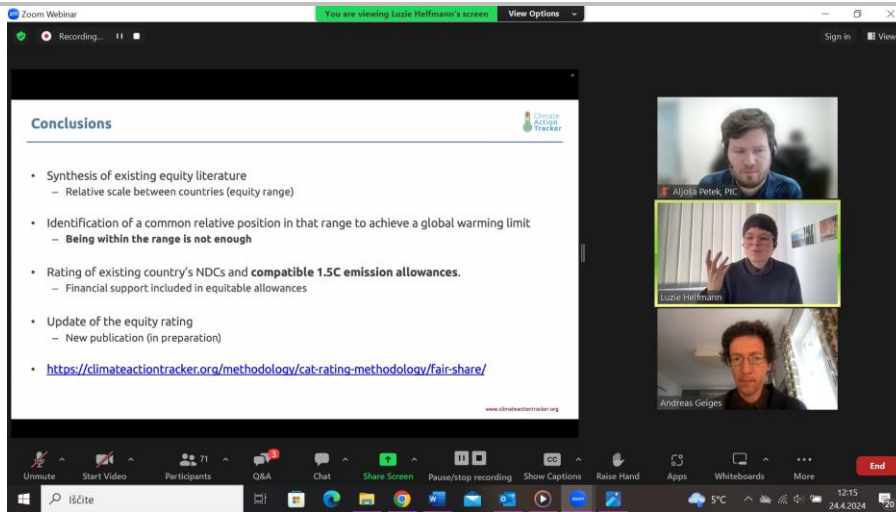
In the seventh presentation, Luka Štrubelj, PIC, discussed the contours between responsibility and liability of corporations for climate change, and the evolving state of legislation and litigation pertaining to the subject matter. He discussed general civil liability, disclosure and due diligence obligations, duties towards the shareholders and the company, and the rights of consumers and enunciated them with past and ongoing court cases. He based his presentation on the corporate part of the study that PIC is undertaking regarding climate rights.



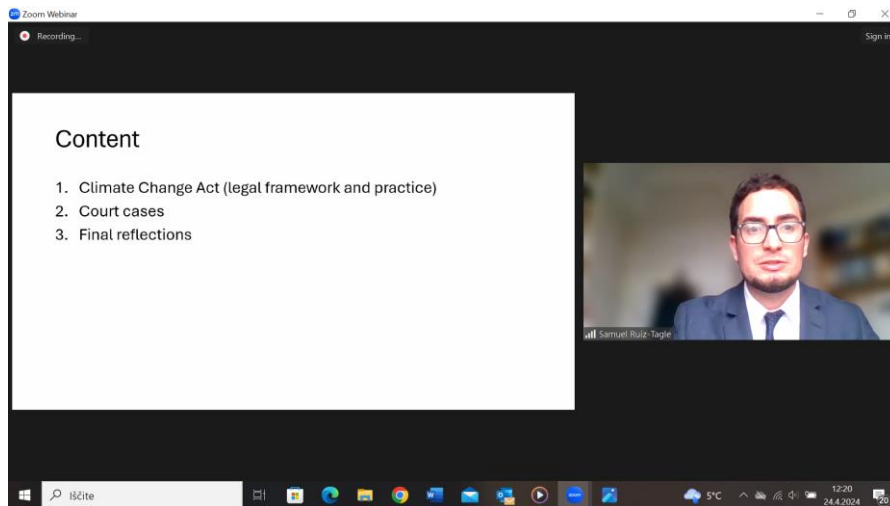
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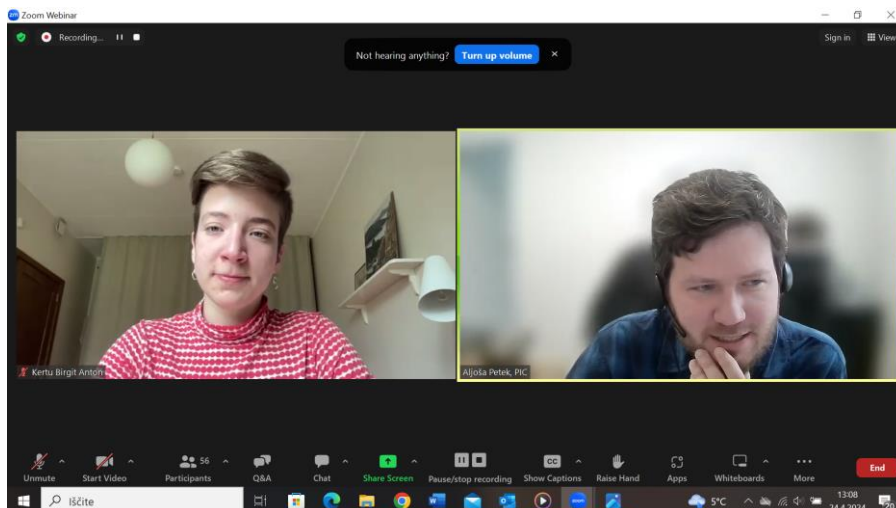
Third presentation



Fourth presentation (Q&A)



Fifth presentation



Sixth presentation (Q&A)

- **Participants**

There were 107 participants at the event, of which:

- 67 were female,
- 40 were male and
- 0 person was non-binary.

The majority of participants were from environmental and human rights NGOs and from academia, predominantly from legal academia. There were also many participants from the government sector (state attorneys, courts, ministries). Less participants joined us from the private sector.

The participants were predominantly from Slovenia but approximately a fourth joined us from abroad. In total, participants were from 15 different countries.

List of registered people: <https://pic.si/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Komu-zvoni-3-Responses.xlsx>

List of people present on Zoom during the event: <https://pic.si/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/84058294867-Attendee-list.csv>

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- **Webpage and social media posts of the event**

We had several promotional before and after (website, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube posts):

FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/PICPravnicenter/posts/pfbid0B9LSBzQgCnAxYvttfhVKmr1UWXJj1TvQkx38CqiftwRqLyhH23ZKZtfqchhLodYI>

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<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1594471408064066>

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YOUTUBE:

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WEBSITE:

<https://pic.si/varstvo-okolja/komu-zvoni-pravna-odgovornost-drzav-in-korporacij-v-dobi-podnebnih-sprememb-vabilo/>

We had one full publication of the event on pic.si in English and Slovenian, including the presentations of all speakers and the recording of the event:

<https://pic.si/varstvo-okolja/komu-zvoni-predavanja-o-podnebnih-pravicah-pritegnila-vec-kot-sto-ljudi-objava-gradiva/>

We sent the following invitation via e-mail:

https://pic.si/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/For-Whom-the-Bell-Tolls_PROGRAMME.pdf

We prepared the following graphic in various formats:



We will continue to promote the video of the event via YouTube and our social accounts.

| HISTORY OF CHANGES | | |
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| VERSION | PUBLICATION DATE | CHANGE |
| 1.0 | 01.04.2022 | Initial version (new MFF). |
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