

CLIMATE RIGHTS

AS A NEW WAY TO RESPOND TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Date: 15 October 2024, 9:30-12:30
Venue: Committee of the Regions, Brussels, Bâtiment Jacques Delors
Rue Belliard 99-101, B - 1040 Brussels



AGENDA

9.30 – 9.35 Welcome, opening remarks (**Csaba Kiss**, coordinator, Justice & Environment)

9.35 – 9.45 From Environmental Liability to Environmental Justice
(**Julian Popov**, fellow of the European Climate Foundation, former Minister of Environment and Water of Bulgaria, Commissioner Nominee for Bulgaria)

First panel: Our conceptual approach to climate rights: the rights-based perspective to EU and national climate policies

9.45 – 10.00 The concept of climate rights (**Plamen Peev**, legal expert, BlueLink)

10.00 – 10.15 Climate rights, climate citizens with special regard to children
(**Kata Dozsa**, associate professor, Brussels School of Governance - Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

Keynote speeches

10.15 – 10.30 The amazing story of the KlimaSeniorinnen Switzerland
(**Elisabeth Stern**, board member, KlimaSeniorinnen Switzerland)

10.30 – 10.45 Protecting a safe climate for future generations: lessons from international courts
(**Katalin Sulyok**, climate law scholar, advisor to the Ombudsman for Future Generations, Hungary)

10:45 – 11:00 The emerging role of citizens and the courts in defining “climate justice”
(**Jacob Werksman**, principal advisor, lead negotiator, EC DG CLIMA)

11:00 – 11:15 Impacts of climate litigation on EU climate law and policy (**Klara Talaber-Ritz**, deputy director, European Commission Legal Service)

Second panel: National perspectives: examples from EU countries

11.15 – 11.30 Estonia - Climate litigation against oil shale (**Triin Jaadmaa**, lawyer, EELC)

11.30 – 11.45 Slovenia - Corporate Responsibility and Climate Change
(**Aljosa Petek**, lawyer, PIC)

11.45 – 12.00 Spain - Multilevel governance in climate law enforcement
(**Ana Barreira**, founding director, lawyer, IIDMA, adjunct professor of international environmental law, IE University)

12.00 – 12.15 Communicating climate rights in mass media and online - an uphill struggle!
(**Pavel Antonov**, BlueLink.net editor, board member of the Association for Progressive Communications)

Third panel: The way ahead for enhancing climate rights

12.15 – 12.30 Open discussion

12:30 – **Lunch**

