In 2019 the then newly appointed EU-Commission proclaimed an epochal new political agenda aimed at transforming the European Union towards environmentally sustainable and carbon neutral economy: the European Green Deal (EGD). In accordance with its overarching, transformative ambition the EGD consists of a comprehensive set of sector policies including climate & energy, industry, building, pollution, biodiversity, agriculture and mobility while also addressing the overarching objectives of green finance, just transition, inclusiveness and global responsibility. Since its launch in 2019 the Commission has further elaborated these policies through sector strategies, and based on these strategies, the process has now entered the stage of legal implementation. With a plethora of legislative initiatives the Commission addresses nearly all fields of environmental law, and also goes far beyond traditional environmental regulation towards, inter alia, the greening of energy, agriculture, trade and finance.

The 10th EELF conference is dedicated to assessing these far-reaching legal developments: how they will play out in their legal context and in national implementation, and whether they will work effectively towards the aspired sustainability transformation – within and beyond EU borders. We shall look at both sector regulation and overarching aspects from a theoretical as well as technical and practical perspective. In accordance with this thematic outreach we invite contributions to the following subthemes (mentioned keywords mark important aspects but are not exhaustive):

A. Overarching and constitutional aspects of the EGD and the role of law in societal transformation
   • Governance approaches & structures, sustainability targets & target oriented steering, multilevel responsibility, subsidiarity and enforcement issues, policy integration and coherence, innovation and legal sandboxes, knowledge generation & transparency, EGD and the EU Treaties, national constitutions, human rights, intra- and intergenerational justice, just transition, inclusion, democratic values.

B. Climate Governance and EGD energy policy – in the face of the energy crisis

C. Green industry & circular economy

D. Biodiversity, nature conservation and agriculture
• Biodiversity strategy, Farm to Fork strategy, Forest strategy, Natura 2000 extension, Nature Restoration Law, proposal for a directive on corporate sustainability due diligence, legislative framework for sustainable food systems.

E. Zero Pollution

F. Green Finance
• Greening EU Budget, EGD Investment Plan, InvestEU, Transition Fund, Next GenerationEU Recovery & Resilience Facility, green state aid guidelines, EU Taxonomy Regulation, Procurement

H. Global responsibility
• EGD in external relations and partnerships, EU in G7 and G20; EGD and trade, greening free trade agreements (FTA), proposal EU Supply Chain Directive, regulation proposal on forest risk commodities, Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), Brussels effect

I. Further fields and aspects of EGD implementation
• Buildings, transport, climate adaptation, oceans

Submission of abstracts
Abstracts may relate to more than one sub-theme or highlight dependencies between the sub-themes. Abstracts shall be written in English, not exceed 500 words, indicate the precise topic of the proposed paper and the related subtheme(s), and consist of a short description of the content of the contribution and its relation to the topic and themes of the conference. Abstracts, together with a short biography of max. 150 words should be submitted by 31st March 2023 via our online submission tool that will soon be available on the conference website at www.eelf2023.de. Abstracts will be reviewed on a rolling basis, as received, with a final decision to be provided by 30th April 2023 at the latest.

Registration and further information
Registration will open in January 2023. As of January, the website will also provide further information on accommodation, travel, draft programme, etc. Please be aware that accommodation should be reserved well ahead of the event. A list of recommended hotels will be available on the website. The conference fee will be at about €350,- for early registration (€250,- for PhDs).

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