

The European Green Deal: Screening for Sustainability

Expert Workshop – 29-30 April 2024
Lund University, Faculty of Law

Tackling the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution requires new legislative approaches. The European Green Deal has been referenced as the response from the EU to address these challenges and pave the way for a decarbonised economy and society.

To examine the multi-layered implications of the European Green Deal and its planned transition to decarbonising Europe's economy, an expert workshop is being organized at Lund University from **29-30 April 2024** under the auspices of the *Screening for Sustainability* project.

At the core of the expert workshop lies the EU Taxonomy Regulation, a legal instrument establishing screening criteria with conditions that economic activities must align with to qualify as sustainable. Beyond the fundamental "do no significant harm" requirement, the screening criteria also incorporate social and governance safeguards, reinforcing the multi-dimensional nature of sustainability. The workshop will investigate associated instruments developed in connection to the European Green Deal, including the proposed EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive and other policies and instruments promoting a just transition in and by the EU. In particular, the workshop examines whether these instruments comply with international law.

Themes expected to be discussed at the workshop include the following:

- The European Green Deal and the EU taxonomy for sustainable activities
- Do no significant harm: origins, interpretations and effects
- The EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive
- Human rights and environmental due diligence: Implications of EU policies and measures outside the EU
- The role of litigation: Public participation, access to justice, and environmental defenders
- New frontiers: Technologies, regulations and financial mechanisms
- What next for the European Green Deal and Sustainability Screening?

To be considered for the workshop, please submit an abstract of max 500 words to sustainability@jur.lu.se by no later than **15 February 2024**. Papers will be selected by the workshop's scientific committee based on their relevance and quality.

A few stipends will be available to cover travel and accommodation, with an emphasis on early career researchers from the Global South. To be considered for such a stipend, please submit a one-page motivation letter as well as a CV with your application.



FACULTY
OF LAW