

9th UEF Law School Energy Transitions Conference

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY

08:30-09:30 Registration and morning coffee, Aurora building

09:30- 09:45 Conference opening, Tapio Määttä - Rector of University of Eastern Finland- Room AU100

9:45-11:30

PLENARY SESSION,
Room AU100

- **Welcome words,** *Jaqueline Pinto & Francisca Gallegos*
- **Keynote Speakers:**
 - **Structuring a Bankable Hydrogen Production and Export Project – Key Legal Considerations,** James Atkin, Partner at ReedSmith LLP, London.
 - **Cross-Border Hydrogen Project Commercialization in the Age of Trump,** Drake Hernandez, Associate Principal at Charles River Associates, Boston, USA.
 - **Making green hydrogen projects bankable: the role of Hydrogen Production Credits in Australia,** Cameron Kelly, General Counsel at the Australian Renewable Energy Agency, Australia.

11:30-12:00 Q&A and Discussion

12:00–13:00 Lunch. *Ravintola Aura*, Provided by the Conference Organisers

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

13:00-15:25

Hydrogen Regulation and Trade

Chair: Kim Talus
Room AU202

Climate Policies, Carbon Regulation and Environmental Management

Chair: Cameron Kelly
Room AU210

New Technologies and Innovative Regulation

Chair: Drake Hernandez
Room AU101

13:10-13:25

The issues affecting of the pricing of green hydrogen – a contractual view.

Laura Huomo

Hazardous or Harmless? CO2 legal status and its impact on CCS implementation.

Olena Bokareva and Gabriela Argüello

Reflexive-Adaptive Law as a Complementary Tool to Experimental Governance for Leading the Energy Transition in the European Union.

Javad Keypour

13:25-13:40	The EU PtL Targets and Their Interaction with National Targets. <i>Marina Hritsyshyna</i>	Mandating Carbon Storage: A Legal Framework for Extended Producer Responsibility in Decarbonising the UK Fossil Fuel Sector. <i>Rachel Ardiff</i>	Balancing Innovation and Protection: Flexible Regulation for a Decentralized Energy Future. <i>Robert Zajdler</i>
13:40-14:55	From Certification to Compliance: Navigating RFNBO Regulatory Framework for Hydrogen exporters – The case of Chile. <i>Francisca Gallegos</i>	End-of-Life Wind Turbine Blade Governance Through a Hard Law-Soft Law Lens. <i>Sai Ma</i>	Legal challenges faced by a sustainable technology innovator. <i>Jouko Nuottila</i>
14:55-15:10	Clean, Green, or Left Behind: EU Hydrogen Regulation in 2025. <i>Kim Talus</i>	Analysis on the EU / Malaysia / Indonesia Biofuels cases <i>Elisa Baroncini</i>	Supportive Role of Artificial Intelligence in Just Transition: Challenges and Opportunities in Developing Countries. <i>Strahinja Obrenović</i>
15:10-15:25	Governing hydrogen technologies through adaptive regulatory approaches – insights from research on socio-ecological system. <i>Dana de Leeuw</i>		SMRs: Tools of Economic public law to facilitate the energy transition. <i>Kris Wauters</i>

15:25-15:55 Afternoon coffee. Provided by the Conference Organisers

	The Hydrogen Value Chain <i>Chair: Jaqueline Pinto Room AU202</i>	Rights, Communities & Social Justice in the Energy Transition <i>Chair: Endrius Cocciolo Room AU101</i>
16:00-16:15	The Evolution of the Energy Efficiency First Principle and its Utility for the Hydrogen Economy <i>Paola Jimenez Casanova and Jaqueline Pinto</i>	The Democratic Dimension of Energy Communities: Is there Room for Collective Public Participation in a Hydrogen Economy? <i>Alba Fornas Gómez</i>

16:15-16:30	Co-locating hydrogen infrastructure: a comparative case study of hydrogen valleys in Europe and hydrogen hubs in Australia. <i>Jordie Pettit</i>	Navigating Legal Challenges for Energy Communities, Closed Networks, and Hydrogen in Spain. <i>Endrius Cocciolo and Aloia López Ferro</i>
16:30-16:45	Certification of Renewable Energy: Electricity Supply and the Production of Green Hydrogen in Developing Countries. <i>Tanga Dickenstien Rodolph</i>	Navigating Legal Obstacles: How Türkiye's Condominium Law Can Support the Renewable Energy Transition. <i>Aysegul Dorttepe Okutan</i>
16:45-17:00	The Law for Advanced Nuclear Technologies and the Pink Hydrogen Production. <i>Jakub Handrlica</i>	Human rights research methods for lithium extraction: lived experiences in the Salar de Atacama through a decolonial lens. <i>Patricio Trincado Vera</i>
17:00-17:15	Breaking water into power, legal challenges for water supply for hydrogen production in Spain. <i>Álvaro Martín Morán</i>	What is Equitable for Local Communities in the Context of Energy Transition? A case study of the Nigerian Petroleum Industry Act of 2021. <i>Vivian Ebete</i>

17:15-18:15 Drinks

18:15-22:00 Conference Dinner. *Aura Ravintola*, Provided by the Conference Organisers for invited guests, including all speakers and chairs who have confirmed their attendance through our registration form.

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

10:30-11:00 Morning coffee, Aurora building

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:00-12:15	Energy Transitions in Asia and Africa: Law, Policy and Sustainable Development	Legal Pathways to Sustainability	Critical Materials and Mining
	<p><i>Chair: Francisca Gallegos Room AU112</i></p>	<p><i>Chair: James Atkin Room AU206</i></p>	<p><i>Chairs: Sirja-Leena Penttinen & Jouko Nuottila Room AU209</i></p>
11:00-11:15	<p>Between Market and the State: China's Energy Transition and the Green Electricity Certificate.</p>	<p>Advancing legal pathways for integrating international trade and sustainability: the ACCTS framework on fossil fuel subsidies.</p>	<p>Finnish news media discourse on developing battery clusters.</p>
	<p><i>Fang Meng Mandy</i></p>	<p><i>Anna Panarella</i></p>	<p><i>Sanni Sipinen</i></p>
11:15-11:30	<p>China's Energy Transition and Black Carbon Emissions Reduction: Bridging Clean Air and Climate Goals?</p>	<p>Securing the Future: The Role of Corporate Sustainable Due Diligence in Advancing the EU's Strategic Energy Autonomy.</p>	<p>EU Battery Passport: Fostering the sustainable supply of Critical Raw Materials for the green transition.</p>
	<p><i>Hermann Aubié</i></p>	<p><i>Laura Kaschny</i></p>	<p><i>Andrei Diaconescu</i></p>
11:30-11:45	<p>Fair and equitable access to energy for all in sub-Saharan Africa: Solidarity in Sustainable Development Goal Seven.</p>	<p>Rights of Nature and energy transition: perspectives for a sustainable future.</p>	<p>Combating interests towards battery supply chain, a regulatory crux?</p>
	<p><i>Nana Asare Obeng-Darko</i></p>	<p><i>Aparecida de Sousa Damasceno</i></p>	<p><i>Emilia Taimi</i></p>
11:45-12:00	<p>The Role of ECOWAS Regional Instruments in Promoting On-grid Renewable Electricity Development in Member States.</p>	<p>Legal path dependencies in the ECT and in stranded assets and resources debate: lessons for the EU sustainability goals.</p>	<p>Impact assessment in the permitting process under the Finnish Mining Act in Sámi Homeland.</p>
	<p><i>Ibiere Helen Jumbo</i></p>	<p><i>Marina Dutra Trinidad</i></p>	<p><i>Martta Alajärvi</i></p>

12:15-13:15

Lunch

13:20-14:20	Regulatory frameworks shaping the energy future <i>Chair: Álvaro Martín Morán Room AU206</i>	Legal Principles and Energy Systems <i>Chair: Alba Fornis Gómez Room AU112</i>
13:20-13:35	The Legal Impact of the ITLOS Climate Change Advisory Opinion on Shipbuilding. <i>Irina Freiman</i>	The Role of Capacity Mechanisms in Advancing the Energy Transition: Implications of the Electricity Market Design Reform. <i>Martin Svec</i>
13:35-13:50	Legal framework for Energy Performance Contracting in the European Union law. <i>Rafał Cieślak</i>	The Solidarity Mechanism After the Energy Crisis: Recent Changes to the SOS Regulation. <i>Ludvik Zelinka</i>
13:50-14:05	From Fit for 55 to Local Impact: EIA's Role in Shaping Offshore Wind Energy Development in Latvia. <i>Leila Neimane</i>	Redefining European Energy Law or European Economic Constitution: Legal Implications of the EU's Climate Transition. <i>Mathias Perl</i>
14:05-14:20		The missing Element: Competitiveness and Energy Article 194 of TFEU. <i>Kim Fyhr</i>
14:20-14:30	Closing words. <i>Kim Talus</i>. Room AU100	
14:30-15:00	Afternoon Coffee. Provided by the Conference Organisers.	
15:30	Buses leave to Koli	