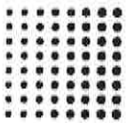




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# Competition, Sustainability and Strategic Autonomy



The Role of EU Law in  
Developing Energy  
Autonomy in Dialogue  
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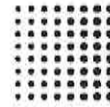
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9:00

## Welcome & Opening Remarks

Welcome by the University of Padua Rector, involved Departments and Centers Directors, Welcome video from Maynooth University

9:30

Introduction - **Bernardo Cortese**, University of Padua, DiPIC

**Keynote speech "EU strategic autonomy, electrification and the CRMA"** Leigh Hancher, University of Tilburg (NL) and EUI

Q&A

10:15

## Panel 1: Sustainability and Strategic Autonomy in Competition Law and State Aid

Chair - **Delia Ferri**, Maynooth University (IRL)

**Vincent Power**, Maynooth University - A&L Goodbody (IRL) - "Competition Law and Sustainability - Two North Poles: How Competition Law interacts with Sustainability"

**Jurgita Malinauskaite**, Brunel University of London (UK) - "Competition law and the circular economy"

**Jorge Piernas Lopez**, University of Murcia (ES), State Aid, AI and Sustainability

Q&A

11:30

## Coffee Break

11:45

## Panel 2

### Procurement, Environmental Assessment and International Trade Law

Chair - **Bernardo Cortese**, University of Padua, DiPIC

**Paola Valbonesi**, University of Padua, DSEA - "EU Public Procurement Law and the Green Economy"

**Elena Buoso**, University of Padua, DiPIC[1] - "Environmental Assessment and the CRMA"

**Jiangyuan Fu**, Maynooth University (IRL) - "Who Will Smelt the Green Transition? A Legal Geography in Primary Aluminium"

Q&A

13:00

## Lunch Break

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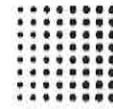
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## Roundtable

**Sustainability: EU Law in Dialogue with Science and Society**  
**Bernardo Cortese, Delia Ferri** and PhDs/Postdocs discuss with  
**M. Carraro**, University of Padua, DISC, Green Chemistry,  
**V. Di Noto**, University of Padua, DII, Batteries and Fuel Cells,  
**M.C. Lavagnolo**, University of Padua, DICEA, Waste Management, tbc  
**R. Antonietti**, University of Padua, DSEA, Digital Sustainability, tbc

16:30

## Closing Remarks

The event is a cooperation under ARQUS Alliance between Università degli studi di Padova (DiPIC - Department of Public Law, International and EU Law  
Centro Levi Cases DSEA - Department of Economics and Management "Marco Fanno"  
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