# 2025 JAEL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONFERENCE

6-7 NOVEMBER 2025









### 2025 JAEL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LIABILITY CONFERENCE'

### **ORGANISER**

Central Europen Academy
Comenius University, Faculty of Law (PraF UK)[1]

### DATE OF THE CONFERENCE

6-7 November 2025

### **VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE**

CEA - Diósgyőr auditorium (Major Udvar Office Building, HU-1122 Budapest, Városmajor utca 12-14.)

### **CONCEPT**

This year's JAEL conference will focus on environmental liability, examined through a spectrum of legal perspectives — from the role of constitutional rights and state duties in environmental protection, to civil liability and compensation for environmental harm, the creation and enforcement of administrative measures, as well as the investigation, prosecution, and adjudication of environmental crimes. The conference will bring together more than 40 participants from the Visegrád countries (Czechia, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia), including leading academics, judges, prosecutors, and public officials.

Instead of a traditional format, the conference will feature thematic panels in which the panel leaders first provide summary presentations of their group's findings, followed by discussions with the other panel members to further explore legal frameworks and identify best practices. High-quality contributions will be published in two special issues of the Scopus-indexed Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Law in 2026. By combining academic rigour with practical insight, the JAEL Conference 2025 aspires to be a unique interdisciplinary forum for addressing one of the most urgent legal questions of our time.

#### **PARTNERS**

Faculty of Law of the University of Miskolc, Central European Association for Comparative Law, European Public Law Organization







[1] Within the framework of the project APVV-23-0645: Optimization of the sanction mechanism in the field of environmental protection and increasing its effectiveness.

# 08.30 - 09.00 REGISTRATION WELCOME COFFEE

### PLENARY PANEL

**Moderator:** Dr. Katarzyna Zombory, Research Centre Director, Central European Academy, Hungary

### 09.00 - 09.15 OPENING SPEECH

Prof. Dr. Tímea Dr. Heinerné Barzó, General Director, Central European Academy, Hungary; Dr. Radovan Blažek, Associate Professor, Comenius University, Slovakia;

Dr. Matúš Pigi Michalovič, Assistant Professor, Comenius University. Slovakia

### 09.15 - 09.40 UPCOMING PROGRAMMES OF THE CEA

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Central European Academy; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

### 09.40 - 10.00 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Dr. Anikó Raisz, Vice President, United Nations Environment Assembly: Minister of State for Environmental Affairs; Founding Patron of the Central European Academy, Hungary



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PANEL NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 10.00 - 10.50

Moderator: Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Central European Academy; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary PANEL NO. 2 CIVIL LAW 11.20 - 12.10

Moderator: Dr. Radovan Blažek, Associate Professor, Comenius University, Slovakia

### MAIN PRESENTATION:

### CONSTITUTIONAL LIABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE LAW OF THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Central European Academy; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

### **RELATED PRESENTATIONS:**

### CONSTITUTIONAL LIABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN SLOVAK LAW

Prof. Dr. Lívia Trellová, Full Professor, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

#### CONSTITUTIONAL LIABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN POLISH LAW

Dr. Bartosz Majchrzak, Associate Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Poland

#### CONSTITUTIONAL LIABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN CZECH LAW

Dr. Veronika Tomoszková, Assistant Professor, Palacký University, Czech Republic

10.50 - 11.20 COFFEE BREAK

### MAIN PRESENTATION:

THE ROLE OF CIVIL LAW IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: LIABILITY, DAMAGES, AND REMEDIES IN THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES

Dr. Radovan Blažek, Associate Professor, Comenius University, Slovakia

#### **RELATED PRESENTATIONS:**

#### THE ROLE OF CIVIL LAW IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN SLOVAKIA

Dr. Marek Ivančo, Assistant Professor, Comenius University, Slovakia

### THE ROLE OF CIVIL LAW IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN HUNGARY

Prof. Dr. Csilla Csák, Dean and Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary; Dr. Zsófia Hornyák, Associate Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

### THE ROLE OF CIVIL LAW IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN POLAND

Dr. Jacek Zrałek, Assistant Professor, University of Silesia, Poland; Dr. Bartosz Kucia, Assistant Professor, University of Silesia, Poland

### THE ROLE OF CIVIL LAW IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Dr. Josef Bártů, Assistant Professor, Masaryk University, Czech Republic





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PANEL NO. 3 CRIMINAL LAW – SUBSTANTIVE 12.10 – 13.00

**Moderato**r: Dr. Bence Udvarhelyi, Associate Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary PANEL NO. 4 PROSECUTOR 14.30 - 15.20

**Moderato**r: Dr. Matúš Pigi Michalovič, Assistant Professor, Comenius University, Slovakia

### MAIN PRESENTATION:

CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFENSES IN THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES

Dr. Bence Udvarhelyi, Associate Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

#### **RELATED PRESENTATIONS:**

CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFENSES IN SLOVAKIA

Prof. Dr. Margita Prokeinová, Full Professor, Comenius University, Slovakia

CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFENSES IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Prof. Dr. Věra Kalvodová, Full Professor, Masaryk University, Czech Republic

CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFENSES IN POLAND

Prof. Dr. Marcin Wielec, Full Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Poland

CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFENSES IN HUNGARY

Dr. Szilvia Vetter, Head of Department, University of Veterinary Medicine, Hungary

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13.00 - 14.30 LUNCH BREAK

### MAIN PRESENTATION:

THE ROLE OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN PROSECUTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN THE VISEGRÁD COUNTRIES

Dr. Matúš Pigi Michalovič, Assistant Professor, Comenius University, Slovakia

#### **RELATED PRESENTATIONS:**

THE ROLE OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN PROSECUTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN HUNGARY

Dr. Krisztina Bányai, Prosecutor, Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Chief Prosecutor's Office, Hungary

THE ROLE OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN PROSECUTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Dr. Kateřina Weissová, Public Prosecutor, High Public Prosecutor's Office in Prague, Czech Republic

THE ROLE OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN PROSECUTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN SLOVAKIA

Dr. Denisa Michalovič, Deputy District Prosecutor, Disctrict Prosecutor's Office in Galanta, Slovakia

THE ROLE OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN PROSECUTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN POLAND

Dr. Marcin Krynski, Assistant Professor, University of Bialystok, Poland



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PANEL NO. 5 CRIMINAL JUDICIARY 15.20 - 16.10

Moderator: Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Central European Academy, Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary: Aleksa Škundrić, Ferenc Deák School of Law, University of Miskolc; Junior Researcher, Central European Academy, Hungary

#### MAIN PRESENTATION:

# THE ROLE OF CRIMINAL COURTS IN PROSECUTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Central European Academy; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary;

Aleksa Škundrić, Ferenc Deák School of Law, University of Miskolc; Junior Researcher, Central European Academy, Hungary

#### RELATED PRESENTATIONS:

### THE ROLE OF CRIMINAL COURTS IN PROSECUTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Dr. Petr Angyalossy, President, Supreme Court of the Czech Republic, Czech Republic

### THE ROLE OF CRIMINAL COURTS IN PROSECUTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN SLOVAKIA

Prof. Dr. Jozef Čentéš, Full Professor, Comenius University, Slovakia; Lenka Miklóssyová, Comenius University, Slovakia

### THE ROLE OF CRIMINAL COURTS IN PROSECUTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN POLAND

Prof. Dr. Agata Kosieradzka-Federczyk, Associate Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Poland

16.10 - 16.40 COFFEE BREAK



Moderator: Prof. Dr. Juraj Vačok, Full Professor, Comenius University; Judge, the Supreme Administrative Court of the Slovak Republic, Slovakia

### MAIN PRESENTATION:

## JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS IN THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES

Prof. Dr. Juraj Vačok, Full Professor, Comenius University; Judge, the Supreme Administrative Court of the Slovak Republic, Slovakia

### **RELATED PRESENTATIONS:**

# JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS IN POLAND

Dr. Diana Trzcińska, Judge, Voivod Administrative Court in Gdansk; Associate Professor, University of Gdańsk, Poland

### JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Dr. Vojtěch Vomáčka, Associate Professor, Masaryk University, Czech Republic

### JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS IN HUNGARY

Dr. Georgina Kiss, Judge, Budapest Environs Regional Court, Hungary

#### **CLOSING OF THE FIRST DAY OF THE CONFERENCE**

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Central European Academy; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary



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PANEL NO. 7 CRIMINAL LAW - PROCEDURAL 09.30 - 10.20

Moderator: Dr. Andrea Jánosi, Associate Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

#### MAIN PRESENTATION:

PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF PROSECUTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES

Dr. Andrea Jánosi, Associate Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

### **RELATED PRESENTATIONS:**

PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF PROSECUTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Prof. Dr. Marek Fryšták, Full Professor, Masaryk University, Czech Republic

PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF PROSECUTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN POLAND

Dr. Konrad Burdziak, Associate Professor, University of Szczecin, Poland

PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF PROSECUTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN SLOVAKIA

Marek Adamkovič, Comenius University, Slovakia

PANEL NO. 8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW - SUBSTANTIVE 10.20 - 11.10

Moderator: Dr. L'udovít Máčaj, Assistant Professor, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

### MAIN PRESENTATION:

SUBSTANTIVE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENSES: DEFINING RESPONSIBILITIES, COMPLIANCE, AND SANCTIONS IN THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES

Dr. L'udovít Máčaj, Assistant Professor, Comenius University, Slovakia

### **RELATED PRESENTATIONS:**

SUBSTANTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN POLAND

Dr. Tomasz Bojar-Fijałkowski, Associate Professor, Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland

SUBSTANTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN HUNGARY

Dr. István Olajos, Associate Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

11.10 - 11.40 COFFEE BREAK





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PANEL NO. 9 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW - PROCEDURAL 11.40 - 12.30

Moderator: Dr. Monika A. Król, Associate Professor, University of Lodz, Poland

#### MAIN PRESENTATION:

### PROCEDURAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFENSES IN THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES

Dr. Monika A. Król, Associate Professor, University of Lodz, Poland

### **RELATED PRESENTATIONS:**

### PROCEDURAL ADMINISTRATIVE LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN SLOVAKIA

Dr. Zuzana Hamul'áková, Associate Professor, Comenius University, Slovakia

### PROCEDURAL ADMINISTRATIVE LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Barbora Pospíšilíková, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

### PROCEDURAL ADMINISTRATIVE LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN HUNGARY

Dr. Annamária Eszter Szabó, Associate Professor, Károli Gáspár University, Hungary

### PANEL NO. 10 ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTOR 12.30 - 13.20

Moderator: Dr. Andrea Riskó, Head of Department, Deputy State Secretariat for Environmental Regulatory Affairs, Hungary;

### MAIN PRESENTATION:

### THE ROLE, POWERS, AND CHALLENGES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTORATE IN THE VISEGRAD COUNTRIES

Dr. Andrea Riskó, Head of Department, Deputy State Secretariat for Environmental Regulatory Affairs, Hungary;

#### RELATED PRESENTATIONS:

### THE ROLE, POWERS, AND CHALLENGES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTORATE IN POLAND

Dr. Joanna Narodowska, Assistant Professor, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztvn. Poland:

Dr. Maciej Duda, Assistant Professor, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland

### THE ROLE, POWERS, AND CHALLENGES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTORATE IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Antonín Frič, Head, Legal Department, Czech Environmental Inspectorate, Czech Republic

# THE ROLE, POWERS, AND CHALLENGES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTORATE IN SLOVAKIA

Ján Jenčo, Policy Expert, Slovakia; Charles University, Czech Republic

### **CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE**

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Central European Academy; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary

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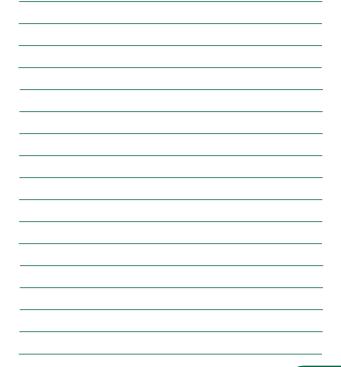
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