



Announcement: Call for Abstracts

European Association of Climate Law (EACL) 2nd Annual Conference

Climate Law 10 Years after the Paris Agreement

The Second EACL Annual Conference on “Climate Law 10 Years after the Paris Agreement”, will be held in Helsinki, Finland, on 17–18 September 2026. The conference will be hosted by the Center for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law (CCEEL), Law School, University of Eastern Finland.

Overview

The 2015 Paris Agreement is a landmark in the evolution of climate law. Since its entry into force in 2016, it has strengthened the international legal framework for climate action and catalyzed developments in European, national, and transnational climate law. Climate legislation and litigation have increased substantially. Procedural climate governance frameworks—defining climate targets and the governance structures to achieve them—have been established worldwide. Carbon markets have grown, and regulatory instruments have been adopted to accelerate renewable energy deployment and improve energy efficiency. Implementation of the Paris Agreement has also lowered future warming projections. Recent data suggests that global greenhouse gas emissions may have peaked and are projected to decline in the 2030s. However, that decline is still far too slow to keep global warming below 1.5 °C, which now serves as the primary benchmark for global climate action.

Ten years after the Paris Agreement entered into force, we invite contributions that take stock of its achievements, identify outstanding challenges, draw lessons learned, and assess the state of climate law across governance levels. The event comprises a general conference and an early-career research workshop, both focused on the same themes. The workshop aims to provide a platform for early-career researchers to present and discuss their work in climate law. It is open to students, PhD candidates, postdocs, and junior faculty. Papers may be single- or coauthored, but the lead author must be an early-career researcher. The conference will also include a plenary session with invited keynote addresses.

For both the general session and early-career research workshop, we especially welcome submissions on, but not limited to:

- **The current state of international climate law**

- Implementation of the Paris Agreement amid geopolitical turbulence.
- Impacts of international climate litigation on the evolution of international climate law.
- Interactions between international climate law and other fields of international law—including human rights, international economic law, other areas of international environmental law, as well as the role of customary international law, and general principles.
- The role of non-UNFCCC legal and governance frameworks.
- **The past, present, and future of EU climate law**
 - EU climate law and leadership at a time when climate policies are increasingly politicized and contested.
 - The state of EU procedural climate governance, including the EU climate targets and their implementation (including the European Climate Law and the Governance Regulation); and the status of the three Aarhus Convention rights—public participation, access to information, and access to justice—within EU procedural climate governance.
 - Substantive EU climate law, including (but not limited to) ETS 1 and ETS 2, the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, carbon removals and their certification, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and methane.
 - Links between EU climate law and international law, such as global fairness and human rights, territorial scope and limits of EU climate law as well as its contemplated links with Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.
- **Comparative and domestic climate law in Europe and beyond**
 - Legal innovations, challenges and lessons learned from substantive and procedural climate law and litigation in Europe and beyond.
 - Climate targets and their enforcement.
 - Climate democracy and democratic decay.
 - Innovations and challenges in domestic and comparative substantive climate law concerning mitigation and adaptation.
 - Domestic and comparative climate litigation.
- **Assessing and (re)imagining theory and methods of climate law research**
 - Methods and theoretical approaches to climate law research, including comparative and global climate law, “climate law in action”, and socio-legal and empirical methodologies.

Submission information

Abstracts must have a **maximum of 300 words** and should clearly outline the research question, methodology, and key findings or arguments. Submissions should align with the conference theme and topics of interest. The submission deadline is **24 April 2026**. The selection of abstracts will be completed by **31 May 2026**.

To submit your abstract, please use the following online form: [European Association of Climate Law 2nd Annual Conference – Fill out form](#)

More information on the conference programme, venue and registration will soon be available on [eacel.eu](#) and on the CCEEL website [The Center for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental law - The Center for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law](#). For any inquiries, please contact cceel@uef.fi.