

# **Law, Governance and Sustainability: Towards a European Law of Sustainability?**

**6-10 July 2026, Bertinoro (FC),**  
Centro Residenziale Universitario (CEUB)  
Aldruda Frangipane, 4, 47032, Bertinoro (FC), Italy

## **Monday, 6**

**12:00 – 13:00**

Registration and Welcome of Participants

Welcome Workshop, Introduction of Participants and Presentation of Research Areas

*Main topics of the panels:*

- **European Sustainability Policies and Regulatory Frameworks**
- **Corporate Governance, Compliance and Sustainability**
- **Environmental and Climate Protection**
- **Protection of Natural Resources and the Marine Environment**
- **Sustainable Value Chains and SMEs**
- **Gender Equality and Sustainability**
- **Sustainability and Criminal Law**
- **Twin Transition, Resilience & Energy Autonomy**

### **Partner Universities Participating in the BIP Programme**

University of Leiden • University of Castilla-La Mancha (UCLM) • University of Santiago de Compostela • University of Cádiz • University of Wien • Polytechnic University of Coimbra • Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) • University of Gdańsk

### **1<sup>o</sup> Session (16.00– 18.00)**

*Official Opening of the Activities – Luigi Foffani (UNIMORE), Federica Raffone (UNIMORE)*

### **Lectures**

**18.00. Marta Bertolino** (*University Cattolica of Milan, online*) – *Il controllo globale della criminalità fra gli obiettivi dello sviluppo sostenibile dell'Agenda 2030: una priorità da non trascurare*

### **19.00 onwards**

Networking and Visit of the Historic Town Centre

*Pre-Dinner speech and discussion among participants – Adán Nieto Martín (UCLM)*  
Dinner in the Bertinoro historic city centre

## Tuesday, 7

### Morning (10.00-13.00)

#### 2º Session – *European Sustainability Policies and Regulatory Frameworks*

##### Panel I (10.00-11.30)

##### Roundtable: *Due Diligence, Human Rights and Corporate Accountability*

**Ana Isabel Pérez Cepeda** (*University of Salamanca*) – *Hacia un derecho penal de la sostenibilidad: la protección de los derechos humanos y laborales*

**Luis Miguel Vioque Galiana** (*UCLM*) – *The CSDDD Between Transformative Ambition and Regulatory Simplification: Sustainability and Compliance in Global Value Chains*

**Miriam Ruiz Arias** (*University of Salamanca*) – *Sustainability, environmental protection and human rights: What can we do to achieve enterprise enforcement?*

Discussion and Q&A

##### Panel II (12.00-13.00)

##### Roundtable: *Sustainability Disclosure, Communication, Green and Social Transition*

**Joana Lobo de Mesquita Simões Pires Fernandes** (*Polytechnic University of Coimbra*) – *Communicating sustainability: challenges and obstacles*

**Paniz Baradaran Kazemian** (*University of Turin, online*) – *Regulating the energy transition: easy to draft, hard to run. A case study on Lithium batteries*

**Marco Maria Scoletta** (*University of Milan “La Statale”*) – *Le pratiche di greenwashing “prese sul serio”: quale sanzione?*

Discussion and Q&A

### Afternoon (15.00-17.30)

#### 3º Session – *Global Sustainability, Social and Environmental Issues*

##### Roundtable

**Marina Caporale** (*UNIMORE*) – *Twin Transition and International, European and National Standards for Data Center Sustainability*

**Maria José Pifarré** (*UAB*) – *The Implementation of Directive (EU) 2024/1203 on Environmental Crime in Spain*

**Maria Castro Corredoira** (*University of Santiago*) – *Las inhabilitaciones administrativas en las Directivas Europeas de medio ambiente y corrupción*

**Marcelo Antonio Castillo Monterrey** (*UCLM*) – *The Role of European Union Law in the Consolidation of Animal Welfare as a New Paradigm in Criminal Law*

**Inmaculada Alonso Carrillo, Elena Merino Madrid, Montserrat Núñez Chicharro y Alberto Muñoz Arenas** (*UCLM, online*) – *Disclosure of sustainability information on decent work under the ESRS*

Discussion and Q&A

## Wednesday, 8

### Morning (9.30-10.30)

*Keynote speech: Alessandro Bernardi (University of Ferrara) – Il principio di sostenibilità nel diritto europeo: fattore di armonizzazione o di rinazionalizzazione degli ordinamenti giuridici dei Paesi UE?*

*Discussant: Lorenzo Picotti (University of Verona)*

### 4° Session – Food, EU Regulatory Developments and Sustainability (10.30-11.15)

**Adriano Martufi** (University of Pavia): *New grounds of criminal liability of legal persons as a result of food supply chain in light of the implementation della direttiva (UE) 2024/1203*

**Federica Raffone** (UNIMORE): *Sustainable Agri-Food Supply Chains: Corporate Responsibility, Due Diligence and Deforestation-Free Trade*

**Roundtable** – La recente riforma delle frodi agroalimentari: alcuni spunti di riflessione: **Adriano Martufi** (University of Pavia) – **Federica Raffone** (UNIMORE)

Intervento programmato di **Gaetano Forte** (Avvocato del Foro di Ferrara, online)

### 5° Session – Gender Equality and Sustainability (11.30-12.45)

#### Roundtable

*Chair: Maria José Pifarré (UAB)*

*Participants:*

**Valeria Torre** (University of Foggia, online) – *Sostenibilità e discriminazioni di genere*

**Claudia Severi** (UNIMORE, CRID, online) – *Parità di genere e sostenibilità sociale: il ruolo dell'educazione e delle linee di indirizzo*

**María Acale Sánchez** (University of Cádiz) – *Sostenibilidad, empresa y genero: hacia la prevención del acoso*

**Silvia Tordini Cagli** (University of Bologna) – *Diritto penale e discriminazioni sul lavoro. Dalle molestie alla violenza economica*

**Federica Raffone** (UNIMORE) – *Enforcement extrapenale e parità di genere: le nuove sfide del diritto europeo della sostenibilità*

Discussion and Q&A

### 6° Session – Protecting Communities' Ecosystems and Memories: A Due Diligence Pathway (12.45-13.40)

**Giuseppe Di Vetta** (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa) – *The Promise of Due Diligence in Corporate (Criminal) Liability Law: Contextuality, Openness, and Reflexivity*

**Niccolò Decorato** (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, online) – *From negative prohibitions to positive duties: how corporate due diligence might prevent cultural heritage trafficking more than crimes against cultural heritage*

**Federica Montanaro** (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, online) – *Environment as target, tool, and terrain of violence: cases for (Heightened) Due Diligence*

Discussion and Q&A

## **Afternoon Session**

### **7° Session – Protection of Natural Resources and the Marine Environment (15.00-16.00)**

**Alvaro Gil González** (*University of Santiago*) – *Sustainable soil management: scientific foundations and regulatory challenges*

**María Inma Valeije Álvarez** (*University of Santiago*) – *Diligencia debida y criminalidad en el mar*

**Maristella Amisano** (*University of Calabria*) – *La tutela penale delle acque nel sistema italiano*

Discussion and Q&A

### **8° Session – Sustainability and Changes in Criminal Law and Criminal Proceeding (16.00-17.30)**

**Judit Jacsó** (*Vienna University of Economics and Business, University of Miskolc*) – *Aktuelle Entwicklungen des Criminal Compliance und Nachhaltigkeit*

**Ellen Gijsselaar** (*Leiden University*) – *The Transformative Potential of the ECHR in Times of Climate Change*

**Slawomir Steinborn** (*University of Gdańsk*) – *Prosecution of Environmental Crimes*

**Dawid Marko** (*University of Gdańsk*) – *Can Criminal Proceedings (Afford Not to) Be Sustainable?*

Discussion and Q&A

## **Thursday, 9**

### **Morning Session**

#### **9° Session – “STRIVE-MO” (“SusTainability Rules across International ValuE Chains: Impact on SMEs in Modena”, FAR 2025) Research Project Workshop (10.30-13.00)**

##### **Roundtable**

*Chair: Federico Maria Mucciarelli (UNIMORE), Luigi Foffani (UNIMORE);*

*Participants: Alessio Bartolacelli (UNIMORE); Alessandro Valerio Guccione (UNIMORE); Jorge Miquel Rodríguez (UAB); Laura Girella (UNIMORE, online); Ludovico Bin (UNIMORE); Lara Archivolti (UNIMORE); Rossella Sciolti (OIBR, online); Marco Petrassi (OIBR, online); Mario Cesellato (OIBR, online), Joana Lobo de Mesquita Simões Pires Fernandes (Polytechnic University of Coimbra).*

### **Afternoon**

#### **Guided Cultural Visit to Ravenna**

## Friday, 10

Scheduled presentations by Phd students and young scholars

*Chair:* Luigi Foffani

**Edoardo Lorenzini** (UNIMORE) – *Tutela della persona e sostenibilità dell'interpretazione. Il costo giuridico ed economico dei diritti.*

Intervento programmato di **Laura Giancola**

**Maria Castro Corredoira** (University of Santiago) – *Las inhabilitaciones administrativas en las Directivas Europeas de medio ambiente y corrupción*

**FOCUS: A real-life case**

**Andrea Marchesini Reggiani** (presidente cooperativa sociale Abantu e fondatore del laboratorio Cartiera) – *Il laboratorio di moda etica Cartiera e il progetto formativo per persone a rischio di sfruttamento lavorativo*

**Closing Remarks and Key Takeaways** – Mariamarta Caselli and Martina Greppi (UNIMORE-UNIPR)

**Presential week closing speech** – Luigi Foffani

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## **Virtual BIP Programme (Online – Microsoft Teams)**

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**13 July | 11:00 – 12:00**

### **BIP Roundtable: Reflection, Feedback and Open Discussion**

Interactive session dedicated to participants' reflections on the BIP *"Law, Governance and Sustainability: Towards a European Law of Sustainability?"*.

Topics include:

- overall feedback on the BIP;
- Q&A and open discussion;
- comments on teaching methods and learning materials;
- strengths, challenges and suggestions for future editions.

**Jesús Ruiz Poveda** (UCLM) - *Highlights and Personal Feedback from the BIP "Law, Governance and Sustainability: Towards a European Law of Sustainability?"*. The Training Value of the BIP

Personal reflections on the most significant learning experiences, the added value of international cooperation, and the skills and perspectives developed throughout the programme.

**Luis Miguel Vioque Galiana** – *Course Review: Governance, Law, and the European Sustainability Agenda*

**14 July | 14:00 – 15:00**

### **Collaborative Reading Session**

#### **Recent Publications on Law, Governance and Sustainability**

A collaborative space for participants to exchange bibliographical suggestions, discuss recent publications and share research interests related to the topics explored during the BIP.

Participants are invited to:

- recommend books, articles and policy papers;
- present their current research activities;
- suggest future directions for study and cooperation;
- identify opportunities for joint research and academic networking.

**15 July | 14:00 – 15:00**

## **Looking Ahead: Building Future Cooperation and evaluation of the publication of proceedings**

Interactive workshop dedicated to consolidating the BIP network and identifying opportunities for future collaboration.

Topics include:

- lessons learned and take-home messages;
- future research ideas and project proposals;
- opportunities for Erasmus+ other international initiatives;
- creation of thematic working groups and academic networking.

## **Final Conclusions and Closing Remarks**

**Scientific Committee:** Prof. Luigi Foffani  
**Organising Committee:** Federica Raffone; Martina Greppi; Mariamarta Caselli