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TRANSNATIONAL REGULATORY NETWORKS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Abstract

Climate change constitutes by definition a global problem that is subject to a variety of regulatory initiatives. Beside the comprehensive framework established under the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol, a wide array of regulatory measures have been set up by private actors, either alone or via partnerships with public subjects. The present research, based on a two step approach, aims to first provide an overview of transnational regulatory networks for climate change, including both established regulators and rules, and to second evaluate their internal and external consistency. Indeed, 'regulatory proliferation' pushes to disentangle not only the reciprocal relationship among rules directly targeting climate change, but also the relationship among the latter ones and external rules indirectly relating to climate change, in particular those governing the functioning of the energy markets. Mapping the existing climate change regulatory framework, with respect to both primary and secondary rules, is essential to spot potential loopholes and thus correctly interpret existing norms and eventually undertake further regulatory action.