

SUSTAINABLE COMPANIES IN THE EU

**Workshop to discuss potential reform of EU company law,
financial market law and accounting law to promote
environmentally sustainable companies**

Oslo, Monday 5 May through Friday 9 May 2014

Participation by invitation only. Interested scholars should contact
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Tentative Programme

MONDAY 5 MAY: EU COMPANY LAW

- 09:30 *Coffee, tea, fresh fruit and registration*
- 10:00-11:00 Why do we need an EU company law reform? Introducing the workshop topics by Beate Sjøfjell and Jukka Mähönen
- 11:00-12:00 Discussion topic: the concept of planetary boundaries in a company law perspective
- 12:00-13:00 *Lunch*
- 13:00-14:00 Discussion topic: The purpose of the company. What is society's purpose with companies? How could that be codified?
- 14:00-14:15 *Coffee/tea break*
- 14:15-15:00 Discussion topic: The role of the board. What should the board do and how can we ensure that most boards comply?
- 15:00-15:15 *Coffee/tea break*
- 15.15-16:00: Discussion topic: How can we include the cross-border element of multinational enterprises and of supply chains?

TUESDAY 6 MAY: EU COMPANY LAW – CONT'D

- 09:00-09:30 *Coffee, tea and fresh fruit and informal conversations*
- 09:30-10:30 Discussion topic: Incentives and disincentives – how to stimulate sustainable companies.
- 10:30-10:45 *Coffee/tea break*

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10:45-11:45 Discussion topic: Enforcement and sanctions – how to ensure that companies comply.

11:45-12:45 *Lunch*

12:45-13:45 Discussion topic: Reforming EU company law – what can we agree on? Similarities and differences in approaches in the European countries

13:45-14:00 *Coffee/tea break*

14:00-15:00 Discussion topic: Reforming EU company law – continued.

15.15-16.30 Tentative plans for a book launch (more info to come)

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY: EU ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING LAW

09:00-09:30 *Coffee, tea and fresh fruit and informal conversations*

09:30-10:30 Discussion topic: What would a system for accounting and auditing for sustainable companies look like?

10:30-10:45 *Coffee/tea break*

10:45-11:45 Discussion on current non-financial reporting rules and the work on integrated reporting – what should we propose as a way forward?

11:45-12:45 *Lunch*

12:45-13:45 Discussion on proposal for reform of accounting rules – cont'd

13:45-14:00 *Coffee/tea break*

14:00-14:45 Discussion topic: Assurance/auditing - what reforms are needed?

15:00-15:15 *Coffee/tea break*

15.15-16:00 Discussion topic: Assurance/auditing - what should we propose as a way forward?

THURSDAY 8 MAY: EU FINANCIAL MARKET LAW

09:00-09:30 *Coffee, tea and fresh fruit and informal conversations*

09:30-10:30 Discussion topic: Corporate governance and financial market law – which areas of EU financial market law should we discuss?

10:30-10:45 *Coffee/tea break*

10:45-11:45 Discussion on selected areas (including takeovers, prospectus rules and listing requirements)

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- 11:45-12:45 *Lunch*
- 12:45-13:45 Discussion on selected areas
- 13:45-14:00 *Coffee/tea break*
- 14:00-14:45 Discussion topic: Reforming EU financial market law – what can we agree on?
- 15:00-16:30 **European law forum on State Aid and the Private Investor Test: A barrier for sustainable companies?**

FRIDAY 9 MAY: SUPPORTIVE AREAS AND THE WAY FORWARD

- 09:00-09:30 *Coffee, tea and fresh fruit and informal conversations*
- 09:30-10:30 Discussion topic: Which flanking areas would be important so reform to support a Sustainable Companies reform?
- 10:30-10:45 *Coffee/tea break*
- 10:45-11:45 Discussion on supportive areas: public procurement, state aid and other relevant areas
- 11:45-12:45 *Lunch*
- 12:45-13:45 Discussion on supportive areas – cont'd
- 13:45-14:00 *Coffee/tea break*
- 14:00-15:00 Looking forward - from Sustainable Companies to Sustainable Market Actors: Horizon 2020 and other funding possibilities
- 15:00-15:15 Closing the workshop by Beate Sjøfjell



Workshop Venue:

Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, Department of Private Law,
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