

Course:

Sustainable (ESG) Finance and Law

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Location: to be determined in the center of Utrecht

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MONDAY, 14 JULY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
10.00 – 10.15	Lecture	Introduction and welcome <i>Speaker: prof. dr. Wilco Oostwouder</i> <i>(Attorney at law Loyens & Loeff)</i>
10.15 – 11.30	Lecture	What is ESG, why does it matter and what is the connection with the EU action plan? <i>Speakers: Michelle Briers and prof. dr. Wilco Oostwouder</i> <i>(Attorneys at law Loyens & Loeff)</i>
11.30 – 11.45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.45 – 12.30	Lecture	Green, social and sustainable finance: forms, drivers and lessons learned Part I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is sustainable finance? - Drivers of the sustainable finance market: political focus, regulatory pressure, investor appetite, stakeholder pressure. - Overview of regulatory framework: CSRD, SFDR, Taxonomy, CSDDD. <i>Speaker: Michelle Broere</i> <i>(Attorney at law Loyens & Loeff)</i>
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.30 – 14.15	Lecture	Green, social and sustainable finance: forms, drivers and lessons learned Part II: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forms: green or social loans and sustainability linked loans: LMA riders. - Outlook sustainable finance market: transition planning is becoming the new norm. <i>Speaker: Michelle Broere</i> <i>(Attorney at law Loyens & Loeff)</i>
14.15– 14.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
14.30– 15.45	Instruction to the exam/presentations	

TUESDAY, 15 JULY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
10.00 – 11.00	Lecture	Which EU regulations and directives are important for Sustainable Finance? Part I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR); - Taxonomy Regulation (Taxonomy); - MiFID II <i>Speakers: Michael Maters and Joyce Kerkvliet (Attorneys at law Loyens & Loeff)</i>
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.15 – 12.15	Lecture	Which EU regulations and directives are important for Sustainable (ESG) Finance? Part II: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) <i>Speakers: Menno Baks (Partner/Attorney at law Loyens & Loeff) and Sjoerd Pennink (Attorney at law Loyens & Loeff)</i>
12.15 – 13.15	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.15 – 14.30	Lecture	Which EU regulations and directives are important for Sustainable (ESG) Finance? Part III: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) <i>Speakers: Menno Baks (Partner/Attorney at law Loyens & Loeff) and Sjoerd Pennink (Attorney at law Loyens & Loeff)</i>
14.15 – 17.00	Preparations for the exam/presentations	

WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
10.00 – 11.00	Lecture	How to set up a Sustainable Investment Fund? Part I <i>Speaker: Michael Maters (Attorney at law Loyens & Loeff)</i>
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.15 – 12.30	Lecture	How to set up a Sustainable Investment Fund? Part II <i>Speaker: Michael Maters (Attorney at law Loyens & Loeff)</i>
12.30 – 17.00	Preparation for Exam	

THURSDAY, 17 JULY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
10.00 – 10.45	Lecture	How to set up a Sustainable Investment Fund? Part III: the role of the fundmanager <i>Speaker to be requested</i>
10.45 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00 – 12.15	Lecture	Sustainable finance for SME's: the role of the bank <i>Speaker: Alberto Gervasini (sustainable finance team EMEA ING Bank N.V.)</i>
12.15 – 13.15	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.15 – 14.15	Lecture	Sustainable finance for SMEs: alternatives for bank fund financing <i>Speaker: Corné Maljaars (Financial consultant and owner of Financieringsgilde Haarlemmermeer en Bollenstreek / MKB Bedrijfsfinancieringen)</i>
14.15 – 17.30	Preparation for Exam	

FRIDAY, 18 JULY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
10.00 – 11.00	Lecture	Greenwashing and other ESG litigation risks <i>Speaker: Marit Bosselaar (attorney at Loyens & Loeff)</i>
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.15 – 12.15	Lecture	The economic impact of Sustainable Finance <i>Speaker to be requested</i>
12.15 – 13.15	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.15– 14.30/15.00	The exam/presentations	