

Provisional Schedule
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Course:

Sustainable (ESG) Finance and Law

summerschool
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13.07.2025 - 17.07.2025

Location: to be determined in a building of Utrecht University in the center of Utrecht

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MONDAY, 13 JULY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
10.00 – 10.15	Lecture	Introduction and welcome <i>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>Luis Mendes</i> <i>(Transaction lawyer Loyens & Loeff)</i> <i>and</i> <i>Prof. dr. Wilco Oostwouder</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"> - Development of sustainable finance market including regulatory framework: CSRD, SFDR, Taxonomy, CSDDD. - Forms: green or social loans/bonds and sustainability linked loans/bonds: elements of the ICMA and LMA riders. <i>Luis Mendes</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"> - Drivers of the sustainable finance market: political focus, regulatory pressure (Part I), Investor appetite (SFDR), financial sector (EU Green deal), stakeholder pressure, disclosure requirements (CSRD, CSDDD). - Outlook sustainable finance market: transition planning is becoming the new norm <i>Luis Mendes</i>
14.15– 14.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
14.30– 15.45	Instruction to the exam/presentations	

TUESDAY, 14 JULY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
10.00 – 11.00	Lecture	Which EU regulations and directives are important for Sustainable and Intermediate Finance? Part I: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR); 2. Taxonomy Regulation (Taxonomy); including the effect of recent developments like the EU Omnibus 2025 3. MiFID II <i>Michael Maters and Joyce Kerkvliet</i> <i>(Attorneys at law Loyens and Loeff)</i>
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.15 – 12.15	Lecture	Which EU regulations and directives are important for Sustainable and Intermediate Finance? Part II: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate Sustainable Reporting Directive (CRSD) including the effect of recent developments like the EU Omnibus 2025 <i>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 and Intermediate Finance? Part II: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) including the effect of recent developments like the EU Omnibus 2025 <i>Menno Baks (Partner/Attorney at law Loyens & Loeff) and Sjoerd Pennink (Attorney at law Loyens & Loeff)</i>
14.30 -14.45	Tea break	
14.45 – 15.45	Lecture	Greenwashing and other ESG litigation risks <i>Sjoerd Pennink</i> <i>(Attorney at law Loyens & Loeff)</i>
15.45 – 17.00	Preparation for the exam/presentations	

WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
10.00 – 11.00	Lecture	How to set up a Sustainable Investment Fund? Part I <i>Michael Maters</i> <i>(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>Michael Maters</i> <i>(Attorney at law Loyens & Loeff)</i>
12.30 – 17.00	Preparation for the exam/presentations	

THURSDAY, 16 JULY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
10.00 – 10.45	Lecture	How to set up a Sustainable Investment Fund? Part III: the role of the asset manager <i>Karin Huizinga</i> <i>(Responsible Investment Manager</i> <i>Colesco Capital)</i>
10.45 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00 – 12.15	Lecture	Sustainable finance: the role of the bank <i>Alberto Gervasini</i> <i>(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 SME's: alternatives for bank fund financing <i>Corné Maljaars</i> <i>(Financial consultant and owner of Financieringsgilde Haarlemmermeer en Bollenstreek I MKB Bedrijfsfinancieringen)</i>
14.15 – 17.30	Preparation for the exam/presentation	

FRIDAY, 17 JULY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
10.00 – 11.00	Lecture	Green bonds <i>Lecturer to be requested</i>
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.15 – 12.15	Lecture	The economic impact of Sustainable Finance <i>Brenda Kramer</i> <i>(Executive director of the Sustainable Finance Lab)</i>
12.15 – 13.15	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.15– 15.00	The exam/presentation	Jury for the group presentations: <i>Prof. dr. Jaap Spier</i> <i>Advocate General at the Dutch Supreme Court (1997-2016)</i> <i>Extraordinary Professor of Global Challenges at the University of Stellenbosch; co-founder of Expert Group which issued the Oslo Principles and both editions of the Principles on Climate Obligations of Enterprises (also author of the commentaries thereto) and former professor at Tilburg University and Extraordinary Professor Maastricht University and University of Amsterdam</i> <i>Brenda Kramer</i> <i>Prof. dr. Wilco Oostwouder</i>