

Provisional Schedule
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Course:

Sustainable (ESG) Finance and Law

summerschool
UTRECHT

13.07.2026 - 17.07.2026

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: - 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: - 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: Corporate Sustainable Reporting Directive (CSRD) including the effect of recent developments like the EU Omnibus 2025 <i>Menno Baks</i> <i>(Partner/Attorney at law, Loyens & Loeff)</i> <i>and</i> <i>Sjoerd Pennink</i> <i>(Attorney at law, Loyens & Loeff)</i>
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.15 – 12.30	Lecture	Which EU regulations and directives are important for Sustainable and Intermediate Finance? Part II: Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) including the effect of recent developments like the EU Omnibus 2025 <i>Menno Baks and Sjoerd</i>
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.30– 14.30	Lecture	Greenwashing and other ESG litigation risks <i>Sjoerd Pennink</i>
14.30 – 17.00	Preparation for the exam/presentations	

WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
10.00 – 11.00	Lecture	Which EU regulations and directives are important for Sustainable and Intermediate Finance? Part III: Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR); Taxonomy Regulation (Taxonomy); including the effect of recent developments like the EU Omnibus 2025 MiFID II <i>Michael Maters and Joyce Kerkvliet (Attorneys at law, Loyens and Loeff)</i>
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.15 – 12.30	Lecture	How to set up a Sustainable Investment Fund? Part I: <i>Michael Maters</i>
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.30 – 14.30	Lecture	How to set up a Sustainable Investment Fund? Part II <i>Michael Maters</i>
14.30 – 14.45	<i>Tea break</i>	
14.45 – 15.30	Lecture	How to set up a Sustainable Investment Fund? Part III <i>Karin Huizinga (Responsible Investment Manager, Colesco Capital)</i>
15:30 – 17:00	Preparation for the exam/presentations	

THURSDAY, 16 JULY

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
10.00 – 11.00	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>
11.00– 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.15 – 12.15	Lecture	Sustainable finance: the role of the bank <i>Lecturer to be requested</i>
12.15 – 13.15	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.15 – 17.30	Preparation for the exam/presentations	

FRIDAY, 17 JULY		
TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
10.00 – 11.00	Lecture	Sustainable bonds and sustainable markets <i>Daniel Poolen</i> <i>Head of Sustainable Capital Markets Rabobank</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/presentations	Jury for the group presentations: <i>Prof. dr. Jaap Spier</i> <i>Prof. dr. Wilco Oostwouder</i>