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Energy law, environmental law and climate law – mutual relations in the light of current developments

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The relationship between energy law, environmental law and climate law is becoming increasingly dynamic as legal systems respond to the accelerating energy transition, climate objectives and evolving geopolitical realities. While these fields share common goals and often reinforce one another, recent developments have also revealed tensions and friction, such as the friction between the acceleration of renewable energy deployment and existing environmental and procedural safeguards, demonstrating how legal systems institutionalise stability and prevent transformative change towards democratically agreed goals. This presentation reviews selected contemporary trends and regulatory developments that illustrate the interactions among these branches of law and their underlying foundational principles and assumptions. The discussion aims to highlight key challenges and emerging patterns without presupposing definitive solutions, providing a basis for broader reflection on the evolving legal landscape.

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