Editorial

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The third issue of *JEEPL* for 2021 presents a series of contributions exploring different aspects of EU environmental law. First of all, *Jerzy Jendroška's* manuscript brings us back to the roots of EU environmental law, showing that some of the instruments in use today have a long, long history. In this vein, this article synergizes well with Jendroška's contribution published in the previous volume of *JEEPL* and exploring the history of the Aarhus Convention,¹ as it always helps to know the past to understand better the meaning of today's regulatory instruments. Second, *Anna Berti Suman* and *Attilio Toscano's* manuscript provides a first analysis of the new EU Water Reuse for Agriculture Regulation by looking at whether this legislative intervention can foster public acceptance of non-conventional water reuse practices in agriculture. The attention posed on the role of citizen science in this field helps further developing the citizen science narrative which Berti Suman presented in her contribution included in the previous issue of *JEEPL*.²

Remaining within the realm of water management, *Jonas Kyrönviita*, *David Langlet*, *Niko Soininen*, *Antti Belinskij*, *Sara Kymenvaara*, and *Ellen Margrethe Basse's* manuscript explores how the conflict between the interests of protecting water quality in the coastal waters of the Baltic Sea from nutrient emissions

1 *Jerzy Jendroška*, Access to Justice in the Aarhus Convention – Genesis, Legislative History and Overview of the Main Interpretation Dilemmas, *JEEPL* 2020 17/4, 372–408.

2 *Anna Berti Suman*, Citizen Sensing from a Legal Standpoint: Legitimizing the Practice under the Aarhus Framework, *JEEPL* 2021 18/1–2, 8–38.

on one hand, and supporting blue growth in the aquaculture sector on the other, has played out in the Nordic legal systems and industry practice.

This issue continues with *Ewa Koniuszewska's* manuscript focusing on public participation in spatial planning decisions in Poland, which pairs well with the manuscript wrote by Michalak and Kledzik in our previous double issue.³ We close the scientific section of this issue with a contribution from *Ludwig Krämer* focusing on managing invasive alien species by the European Union.

In our Service Section, next to the Case Law Report, we are very happy to announce that as from this issue we will re-start reporting on recent policy and legislative developments, thanks to kind contribution of *Matteo Fermeglia*, who recently joined our Editorial Board. The Policy and Legislation Reports will be published every other issue, where relevant. Together with the Case Law Report, the Policy and Legislation Reports will offer to our readers an updated view on EU environmental law throughout the year.

We wish Matteo a very warm welcome and the readers a pleasant reading!

3 *Magdalena Michalak and Przemysław Kledzik*, The Aarhus Convention and Polish regulations concerning parties to proceedings for issuing the EIA decisions, *JEEPL* 2021 18/1–2, 56–76.