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The **Department of Law** at the **University of Cyprus** kindly invite you to a research seminar on

The judicial review of the acts of European agencies: the case of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

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Chair: Lecturer Ioanna Hadjiyianni

Abstract

The “agencification” process, namely the emergence and multiplication of specialized European bodies (agencies) that are endowed with their own legal personality in various European policies, is a striking feature of the evolution of the European administration. This process has, however, taken place in a rather anarchic manner and, most importantly, in the silence of the Treaties. Such “paradox” has only been partially addressed by the Treaty of Lisbon: despite the fact that it still does not provide for an express legal basis for the creation of such bodies, the Treaty of Lisbon has extended judicial review to the acts of “bodies, offices and agencies” intended to produce legal effects vis à vis third parties.

Building upon the experience gathered since the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, this presentation aims to assess whether an effective judicial review against the acts of European agencies is indeed ensured in a “Union of law”. In this context, it focuses on the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), a “third generation” EU agency that has been created by the third energy package in 2009 and which has been progressively entrusted with significant tasks in the areas of the internal energy market, electricity and gas network codes, energy infrastructure, wholesale energy market integrity and transparency (REMIT) and security of supply. Endowed with a distinctive organisational structure -which includes a Board of Appeal as an expert “quasi-judicial” body- ACER has the power to adopt both soft law instruments and individual decisions which raise significant challenges in terms of the availability, effectiveness and intensity of review in the technical field of energy.

Speaker Bio

Charikleia Vlachou is a Lecturer in Energy Law at the University of Cyprus after having held the position of an Assistant Professor in Public Law at the University of Orléans, France. She has written her PhD thesis on the cooperation of regulatory authorities in Europe in the fields of energy and electronic communications at the Paris II University. She holds a Master 2 recherche in public law (Paris II University), a Postgraduate Diploma in EU competition law (King’s College University of London) and the Diploma of the Academy of European Public Law. Charikleia Vlachou has been a guest lecturer in prominent European Universities and her research interests lie in the fields of energy law, electronic communications and EU administrative law.

Practical Details

Language: The seminar will be conducted in English.

Registration: Participation is open, but you must register [here](#) for individual access to the Zoom meeting.