

Landscape and sustainable energy transition: the legal protection of landscape(s) through the prism of the energy transition

Project partners
Université de Strasbourg, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Université de Haute-Alsace
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Short description of the project
<p>This research project focusing on the articulation of energy and landscape interests aimed to provide a legal reflection on the landscape integration into the renewable energy-related policies. How does the legal framework deal with the landscape concept in the context of the energy transition? To what extent is the treatment of different interests (landscape, biodiversity, climate changes, patrimony, private property etc.) carried out? To answer these and further questions, the research consortium highlighted the existing conflicting issues between landscapes and renewable energy in order to propose conciliatory instruments, mechanisms and principles.</p>
Concrete implementation of the project (What was the funding used for?) (max. 500 characters (including spaces))
<p>We hired a postdoctoral researcher (from 1 September 2021 to 30 June 2022) to manage the research network coordination, to organise regular meetings with academic partners and the research consortium seminar (12 May 2022), also to supervise a full-time research engineer (from 1 October to 31 December 2021). Seed Money funding is also used for the subscription to the Landscape Research Group (membership with journal access), the acquisition of books and for the organisation of the seminar (including travel expenses).</p>
Project result(s) and continuation of collaboration (max. 500 characters (including spaces))
<p>Dissemination of research results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a concept note (in French) containing the results of a comparative study of French and German case law on the conciliation of landscape and renewable energy (20 December 2021); - organization of the research consortium seminar "Landscapes and Renewable Energy: Repairing Damaged Landscapes" (12 May 2022, University of Strasbourg & online); - poster presentation at the international conference (Engaging a geo-legal approach to landscape protection in the era of energy transition. Elements from the analysis of a French jurisprudential corpus on oppositions to renewable developments, <i>Energy and Climate Transformations: 3rd International Conference on Energy Research & Social Science</i>, 21 June 2022, University of Manchester);

- publication of a collective book "Landscape damage and renewable energy in France and Germany: socio-legal perspectives on avoidance and reparation" (publication planned for early 2024)

Further information (links, articles, photos)

- Link to the [concept note](#);
- Link to the agenda of [Research Consortium Seminar](#) and the [seminar's photos](#)
- Link to the poster presentation (poster n° P2.54) at the [3rd International Conference on Energy Research & Social Science](#)