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NETHERLANDS AND EU ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND COMPLIANCE

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW



In 2023 alone, Dutch environmental laws underwent 76 major environmental law amendments—forcing companies to repeatedly adjust their processes and documentation. The constant updates and revisions to environmental legislation create a shifting compliance landscape, making it difficult for businesses to stay ahead. According to research by VNO-NCW, a staggering 68% of businesses report struggling to keep pace with these relentless regulatory changes.

This certified program is designed to provide you with a comprehensive understanding of Netherlands and EU environmental regulations, equipping environmental leaders with the knowledge and practical insights needed to navigate the country's environmental regulations effectively. Participants will gain an in-depth understanding of key Dutch environmental laws, including the **Environmental Management Act (Wet Milieubeheer)**, **Water Act (Waterwet)**, **Soil Protection Act (Wet Bodembescherming)**, and **Waste Framework Legislation (Afvalstoffenwetgeving)**. The program will also cover **EU-wide environmental directives** that impact Dutch businesses, such as the EU Industrial Emissions Directive (IED), the Green Deal on Circular Economy, and the EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Investments.

Throughout this program, participants will be immersed in the technical and regulatory aspects of Dutch environmental law, ensuring proficiency in **climate-related obligations**, **carbon emission reduction targets**, **environmental impact assessments (EIAs)**, **hazardous substance restrictions**, and **biodiversity conservation laws**. A special focus will be placed on corporate sustainability reporting, including compliance with the EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), which requires Dutch companies to meet stricter environmental disclosure requirements. Additionally, this program will examine the legal **complexities surrounding waste disposal**, **circular economy compliance**, **industrial water usage**, and **soil decontamination responsibilities**—all of which carry severe penalties for non-compliance in the Netherlands.

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Participants will also explore real-world case studies of Dutch environmental enforcement actions, learning how companies can proactively **mitigate legal risks, avoid regulatory fines, and implement sustainable environmental policies**. The program will provide practical guidance on **environmental permitting processes, regulatory inspections, corporate liability for environmental damage, and legal defenses** in environmental litigation.

Upon successfully completing the program, you will earn the **Certification in Netherlands and EU Environmental Law and Compliance**. This certification validates your ability to navigate complex environmental regulations and lead high-impact, legally sound sustainability efforts. Globally recognized and valid for life, this credential strengthens your professional profile and demonstrates your readiness to lead in legal, regulatory, or sustainability-focused roles across institutional and commercial landscapes.

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KEY SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN

From This Program



**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT
(WET MILIEUBEHEER)
WATER ACT (WATERWET)
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

**SOIL PROTECTION ACT
(WET BODEMBESCHERMING)
WASTE FRAMEWORK LEGISLATION
(AFVALSTOFFENWETGEVING)**

**LEGAL PRINCIPLES
DIRECTIVE TRANSPOSITION TECHNIQUES
EU GREEN DEAL COMPLIANCE
REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (RIA)**

**POLICY EVALUATION CYCLE (PEC)
ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING PROCESSES
SEA AND EIA PROCEDURES
RISK-BASED COMPLIANCE PLANNING
REGULATORY AUDIT PREPARATION**

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WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE (WFD)**

YOUR FACULTY DIRECTOR



Dr. Renny Reyes

Leading Legal Strategist in Environmental Governance and Policy

Dr. Renny Reyes is a distinguished legal expert and policy advisor with over 15 years of international experience in regulatory policy, regulatory governance, and public sector reform across Europe. Renowned for her leadership in legal and policy modernization, she has **advised governments, regulatory authorities, and multilateral organizations on complex regulatory reforms, institutional accountability, and the application of better regulation tools in environmental and other public policy areas.**

Dr. Reyes has been **instrumental in advancing legal frameworks, regulatory impact assessments (RIA), stakeholder engagement, and inter-agency coordination.** Her work emphasizes transparency, compliance innovation, and performance-based regulation to strengthen regulatory quality and institutional resilience. As founder of PAARS, she provides strategic counsel to public institutions and development agencies, aligning legal systems with sustainable development objectives.

An accomplished educator, **Dr. Reyes has delivered high-impact training on regulatory design, environmental governance and institutional reform for over a decade.** Known for her clarity and practical approach, she translates complex legal issues into actionable insights through real-world case studies and scenario-based learning—empowering professionals to lead regulatory transformation and environmental compliance with confidence.

OUR PARTICIPANTS

Over 70% of FORTUNE 500 Companies Have Attended Our Accredited Programs Before





PROGRAM AGENDA

MODULE 1: INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE AND REGULATION

- Foundations Of Environmental Governance And Regulation
- Historical Emergence Of Environmental Law In Europe
- Key Actors And Institutions In Environmental Regulation

MODULE 2: MULTI-LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE: GLOBAL, EU, AND NATIONAL DIMENSIONS

- Role Of International Agreements And EU Institutions
- Legal Principles: Subsidiarity, Direct Effect, Supremacy
- Transposition Of EU Directives Into Dutch Law

MODULE 3: THE EU GREEN DEAL AS A POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

- Structure And Legal Basis Of The EU Green Deal
- Key Legislative Packages (E.g. Fit For 55, European Climate Law)

- Governance Mechanisms For Implementation And Enforcement

MODULE 4: BETTER REGULATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAWMAKING

- Tools Of Better Regulation: RIA, Public Consultation, Evaluation
- The Policy Evaluation Cycle (PEC)
- Role Of Evidence And Transparency In Lawmaking

MODULE 5: ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING AND COMPLIANCE MECHANISMS IN THE NETHERLANDS

- The Permitting Process Under The Omgevingswet
- Role Of Inspections, Audits, And Risk-Based Enforcement
- Soft Law And Administrative Guidance In Dutch Compliance Practice

MODULE 6: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) AND STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA)

- Legal Foundations Of EIA And SEA In The EU And The Netherlands
- Procedural Steps: Scoping, Consultation, Reporting



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- Integration With Permitting And Planning Processes

MODULE 7: WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE (WFD) - A CASE STUDY IN INTEGRATED GOVERNANCE

- Key Obligations Of The WFD And River Basin Planning
- National Implementation In The Netherlands
- Compliance Monitoring And Coordination Challenges

MODULE 8: CLIMATE CHANGE LITIGATION AND LEGAL RISK MANAGEMENT

- Role Of Litigation In Enforcing Climate Policy (E.g. Urgenda, Shell Cases)
- Legal Grounds: Tort, Human Rights, Constitutional Law
- Governance Implications Of Court-Driven Accountability

MODULE 9: CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND INNOVATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

- EU and Dutch Frameworks For Circular Economy

- Enforcement Challenges And Innovation In Compliance Tools
- Use Of Soft Law, Behavioral Insights, And Digital Monitoring

MODULE 10: POLICY COHERENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

- Cross-Sectoral Alignment (Climate, Energy, Biodiversity, Agriculture)
- Tools For Improving Coherence: RIA, Planning, Oversight Bodies
- Institutional Design And Whole-Of-Government Coordination

YOUR CHARTER DESIGNATION



Chartered Institute of Professional Certifications' programs are unique as they provide you with professional charter designations and marks that can be used across your lifetime once you have completed our programs.

Upon successfully attending this program, you will be awarded with the **Certification in Netherlands and EU Environmental Law and Compliance** that can be used in your resume, CV and other professional credentials. This certification is industry-recognized with lifelong validity.

Globally respected and in high demand, this certification will amplify your expertise in designing, implementing, and managing legally robust and fully compliant environmental governance strategies within the EU regulatory framework. It demonstrates your proficiency in navigating complex legal structures, applying EU directives, and leading policy and compliance initiatives that align with environmental legislation, sustainability objectives, and institutional accountability. This program is developed by **Chartered Institute of Professional Certifications** and the content of this program has been certified by **CPD Certification Service** as adhering to highest standards of continuing professional principals.

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