Preface

For use both as a handbook and as a general introduction for professionals and students, EU Environmental Law addresses the reality of legal practice throughout the EU. Environmental law in Member States is for a large part regulated by the EU, making it ever less ‘national’. Increasingly, moreover, business and personal links have a European angle to them. Sustainable development and growth has become fundamental, not only to industry, but also to society in general. Consequentially European environmental regulation is becoming more complex and interrelated, making it an emerging field of study for European law graduates, and an area of increasing exposure to the legal profession. This book gives readers a thorough overview of core European environmental law, with a section on the basic framework and principles, as well as on substantive law issues, providing insight into legislation in the different sectors and into the most topical developments. Other volumes of European environmental law provide an extensive overview and are, amongst others, Jan H. Jans and Hans H.B. Vedder, European Environmental Law: After Lisbon (Groningen: Europa Law Publishing, 2012); Ludwig Krämer, EU Environmental Law (London: Sweet & Maxwell, 2012). Lee and Scott also provide analyses of selected issues: M. Lee, EU Environmental Law: Governance and Decision-making Modern Studies in European Law (Oxford and Portland, OR: Hart Publishing, 2014) and J. Scott, EC Environmental Law (London: Longman, 1998).

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