

Biography – Peter Vajda

A lawyer by training with a master's degree in environmental law (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest), Peter has always been involved in issues related to environment, both from legal and technical aspects.

Having spent three years at the national environmental agency's Budapest office working mainly on environmental permits, Peter was seconded to the European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment. During his tenure of office between September 2007 and August 2011 as a legal adviser in the unit responsible for industrial emissions, he was working on various files both from legislative and implementation aspects, including, inter alia, the IPPC (2008/1/EC), Large Combustion Plants (2001/80/EC), Waste Incineration (2000/76/EC), National Emission Ceilings (2001/81/EC) and Seveso II (96/82/EC) Directives. In this position, he was also heavily involved in the adoption process of the Industrial Emissions Directive (2010/75/EU).

After briefly working as legal adviser in the Office of the Director-General in DG Climate Action in 2011, he took up duties as environmental expert at the Energy Community Secretariat (Vienna) in March 2012. In his current position, his geographical focus covers the Western Balkans as well as Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia and the main activities involve monitoring the implementation of EU legislation on Environmental Impact Assessment (2011/92/EU), Strategic Environmental Assessment (2001/42/EC), Sulphur Content of Liquid Fuels (2016/802), Large Combustion Plants (2001/80/EC) and Industrial Emissions (2010/75/EU) in the Contracting Parties of the Energy Community Treaty. After the adoption of the Paris Agreement, the Energy Community is also focusing more closely on the climate-energy nexus.