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Dr. Stephan Sina is a Senior Fellow at [Ecologic Legal](#) [1] and the Coordinating In-house Counsel of Ecologic Institute. As project leader and contributor he works at all levels of environmental law (national, EU, and international), specialising in climate legislation, energy law and environmental compliance with a focus on criminal law. Stephan Sina is admitted as a lawyer (Rechtsanwalt) and certified as a specialist in administrative law. A native speaker of German, he also works in English and French, and has a good knowledge of Spanish.

His recent work includes projects for the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy on the [analysis and structuring of a comprehensive energy law](#) [2], legal aspects of the [implementation of the European Network Codes in Germany](#) [3], and legal research in the context of the funding programme "[Smart Energy Showcases – Digital Agenda for the Energy Transition](#)" [4] (SINTEG). For the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety he coordinates a project on the [development of the European Trading Scheme](#) [5] (ETS). He also works on two projects developing options under international law concerning [resources extraction](#) [6] and [efficiency](#) [7], as well as a study on [environmental criminal law in Germany](#) [8], all for the Federal Environmental Agency.

His previous work for Ecologic Institute included analyses and recommendations on the [development of a Federal Climate Change Act for Germany](#) [9] (for WWF Germany and the Federal Environmental Agency), the [midterm-evaluation of the Renewable Energy Directive](#) [10] for the European Commission (DG Energy), and a study for the European Commission (Directorate-General for Research) on policy options for the EU to combat [environmental crime](#) [11] (EFFACE).

Before joining Ecologic Institute, Stephan Sina practiced environmental and energy law at a law firm where he advised and represented companies and municipalities on matters of industrial plants, waste, and renewable

energy.

With a scholarship from the Cusanuswerk, Stephan Sina obtained his PhD with a thesis on the international status of the Palestinian Autonomous Territories. He worked as a fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg (Germany), taught criminal law to a preparatory examination class at the Heidelberg University, and served as a lecturer of environmental law at the Verwaltungsakademie Berlin (Berlin Academy for Administration).

Stephan Sina studied law at the Universities of Freiburg, Bonn, Heidelberg (Germany), and Edinburgh (United Kingdom). He obtained a diploma in comparative law from the University of Strasbourg (France). During his legal training in Berlin, he worked with the Commissioner of European Affairs of Berlin and at the German Foreign Office in Tel Aviv and Ramallah.

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