PREFACE

This volume is a special issue of the European Journal of Privacy Law & Technologies (EJPLT) and the proceedings of the International Workshop "Design of Rights for Eco-food and Eco-fertility: Markets and Causal Relations", held in Naples, at the Suor Orsola Benincasa University, on September 29, 2022, as the 1st International Workshop of the Jean Monnet Chair "European Green Rights: reshaping fundamental rights for next generations" - EUGREENEXT (2021-2024).

The EUGREENEXT Project holds a vision that seeks to gather the protective approach of European Law on the aspects of health, natural environment, and the welfare of living beings. At its core, this vision is aligned with the overarching goal of sustainability, focusing not only on the present but also on the well-being of future generations.

A central theme explored throughout the Conference is the integrated approach to understanding the intricate relationship between human health and the environment. This comprehensive perspective extends to include, beside humans and society, the well-being of animals and flora, and the ecosystem as a whole, paving the way for the conceptualization of a novel circular vision for the economy. The implications are profound, fostering a new systematic understanding of the interconnections between those entities, and prompting a reevaluation of market and consumer policies as well as regulatory tools.

Such a holistic viewpoint inherently demands a multi-disciplinary approach and is deeply rooted in a conception of rights, particularly human rights, interpreted through the lens of the sustainability principles as enshrined in the United Nations 2030 Agenda. This perspective not only informs the interpretation of the EU Charter but also serves as a guiding framework for the formulation of European Green Rights, thereby enabling effective protection measures and supporting evolving policies.

Within this conceptual framework, the primary objective of the workshop has been to engage in discussions concerning the dynamic relationship between ecosystems and human health, of which the volume hereby presented collects some of the contributions to the conference.

The debate explored the multifaceted impact of pollution on health, food habits and consumer practices and awareness, and the sustainability of the agri-food sector, specifically investigating into the roles played by businesses and markets from farm to fork. Perspectives from a diverse range of contributors, along the different thematic sessions, enriched the discussion, contributing to a nuanced understanding of the challenges and opportunities at the intersection of environmental sustainability, human health, and market dynamics.

The event hosted contributions from law (public and private), medicine, biology, statistical study, design and legal design, science and social sciences, and were given in Italian and English; many of them have been gathered in this collection, after having been positively evaluated by anonymous referee's

evaluation according to the policies of the EJPLT. The articles keep the original language of the presentations from which originated. The two languages are also in this introductive part so that the overall work can be framed by readers from different linguistic background.

To respond to the objective of the project and assure the interdisciplinary approach with law and its understanding, the contents extending beyond the legal field are enriched with tables providing a legal framework, identifying sources and issues relevant from a legal perspective.

Considering the variety of aspects dealt with in the contributions, the Special Issue has been enriched by an introduction to the issues of sustainability on the legal framework, which has been generously gifted by Paolo Pollice.

It is with great pleasure that, along with the active Teaching staff of the EUGREENEXT Chair, especially Dr. Anna Anita Mollo and Emiliano Troisi, I thereby present this Special Issue of the Journal, finally composed.

We extend our gratitude to all the authors, contributors, participants, and organizers who have made that event and the resulting EJPLT special issue possible. It is our hope that the insights shared within these pages will not only enhance our collective understanding but also inspire continued discourse and action in the pursuit of a sustainable future.

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