

An aerial photograph of a dense, green forest. A winding river or lake flows through the landscape, creating several small, forested islands. The water is a deep blue-green color, and the surrounding land is covered in thick, vibrant green trees.

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Environment

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CMS Francis Lefebvre is sought out by builders, developers, construction and public works groups, banks and investment funds to deal with issues of waste management, the circular economy and renewable energy. The team assists its clients in advisory, litigation, transactional and regulatory matters. Céline Cloché-Dubois, who heads the practice, is an expert in environmental regulatory matters and is also involved in the real estate field.

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Industrial environment

Our team supports its clients in all issues related to the **creation** and **operation** of their facilities:

- **Classified installations - ICPE / SEVESO / IED/ IOTA:** support in the preparation, investigation and obtaining of permits; operational management (development of facilities, modification of requirements, financial guarantees, incidents/accidents, end of activity, sanctions)
- **Polluted sites and soil:** support during the end of activity; site restoration; pollution management (PFAS, etc.); redevelopment of brownfield sites
- **Transactional:** support during acquisitions, sales of industrial and polluted sites, financing operations; environmental risk management; negotiation and drafting of contractual clauses in the context of real estate transactions (sales, leases, sale and leaseback operations)

Our team also represents its clients in the context of **pre-litigation**, **litigation** and the **amicable resolution** of disputes in relation to these topics.

[See our publications/conferences on these subjects.](#) *Examples of our work can be provided on request.*



Circular Economy

Our team assists its clients (producers, distributors, online marketplaces, professional federations and eco-organizations) on all issues related to the **circular economy**. Our team's expertise covers the following topics:

- **Ecodesign** of processes, goods and services
- **Measures to reduce plastic / reuse / recycling** of certain plastic packaging; maximum plastic content of certain products / packaging; etc.
- **Consumer information / environmental claims**: information on the environmental qualities and characteristics of products; repairability index; Triman / info-Tri; greenwashing; etc.
- **Extended producer responsibility (EPR)**: identification of EPR obligations; approval application files (eco-organizations and individual systems); take-back obligations; etc.
- Measures against food and non-food waste

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Waste law & chemicals law

In terms of **waste law***, our team deals with all waste-related issues, namely:

- Waste **management**
- Waste **policies**
- Waste **traceability**
- Waste **transport** and **cross-border movements**
- Exit from **waste status**

* See also our practice in circular economy

Our team's expertise also covers the regulations relating to chemical products/substances (REACH, CLP, etc.)

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Sustainable development

Our team assists and advises its clients (**manufacturers, investors, developers, promoters**) on the following topics:

- Water law
- Biodiversity / Protected species
- Land law

This support focuses in particular on the **identification of the rules applicable** to their projects, but also throughout the preparation of their application for **authorization files** and the monitoring of **examination procedures**.

Our team also represents its clients in the context of **pre-litigation, litigation** and the **amicable resolution** of disputes in relation to these topics.

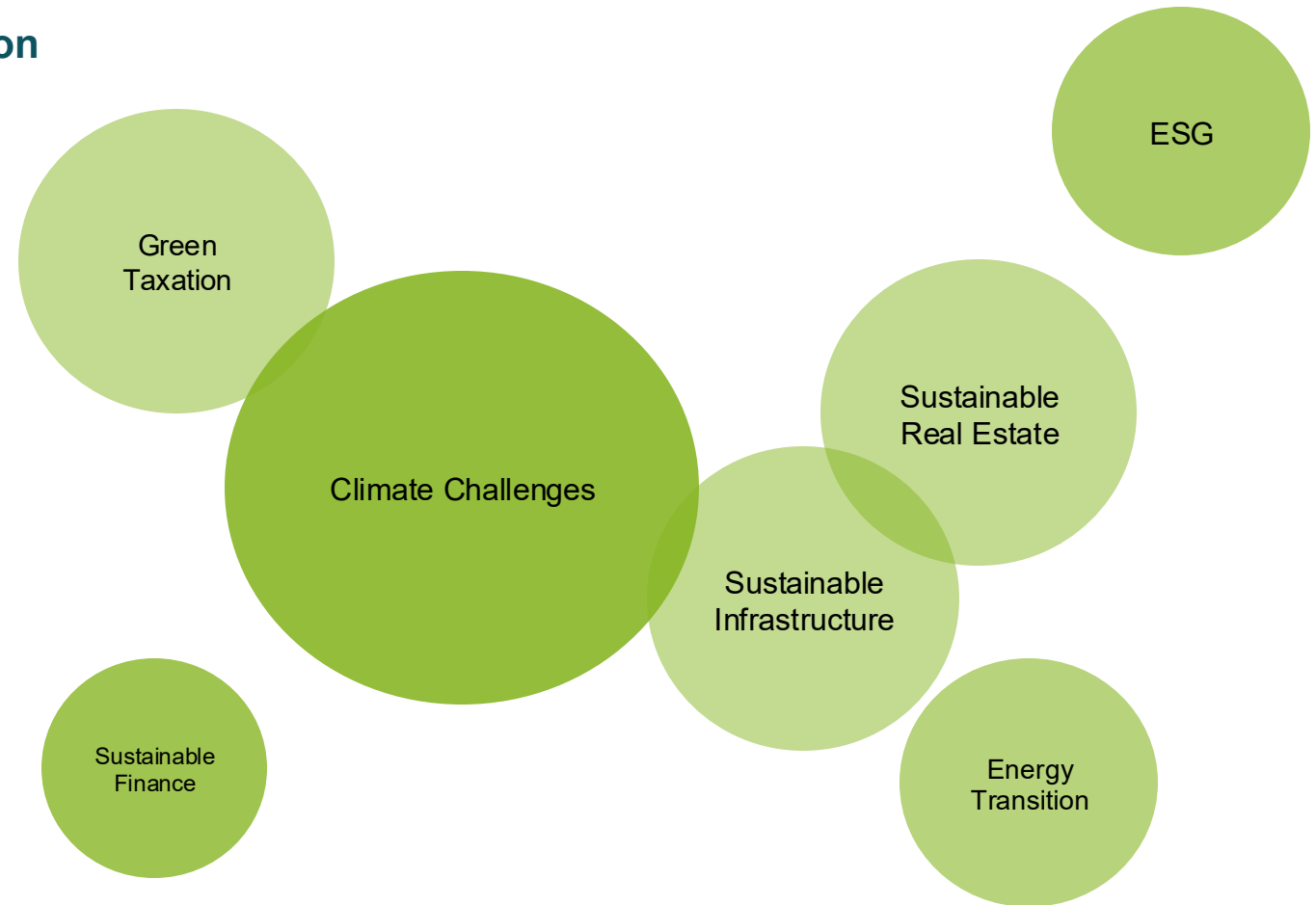
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Green financing and sustainable investment
ESG
Competition and state aid
CSR and non-financial reporting
Corporate law and ethical CSR
Public law
Green taxation
Customs and competition
Real estate and sustainable infrastructure
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