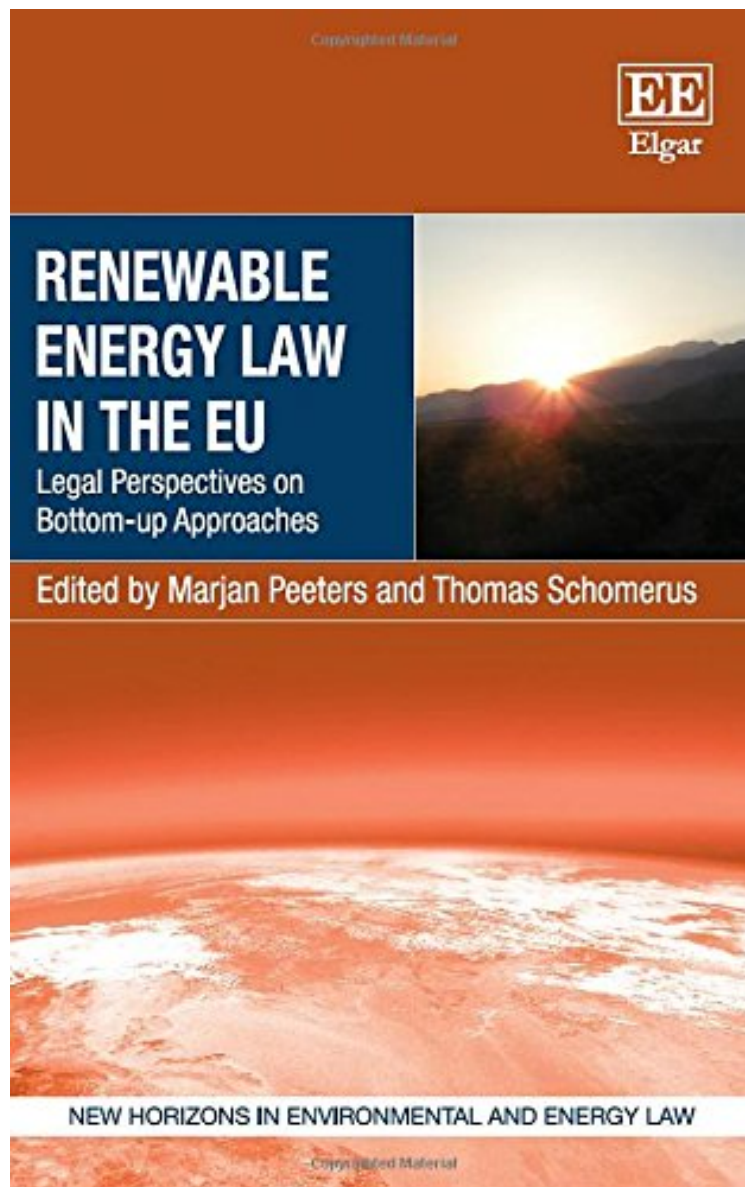


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In the gradual and predictably difficult transition to renewable energy across Europe, what are the legal issues confronting regional authorities within the European Union? Will it be possible for every EU member state to move to renewable energy within the time frames required under EU law? And what will be the required role of local authorities, i.e. local/regional governments in this incredibly complex process? For obvious reasons of cultural diversity, arriving at useful and workable answers to these questions in the EU is no easy task! This book however, tackles these issues head-on. A compilation of expert research from fifteen international contributors, it focuses on the legal frameworks within which regional authorities in EU Member States must act in the course of the necessary transition towards a sustainable, renewable energy system. The transition referred to must inevitably evolve within the framework of EU law, which has imposed legally binding targets on its Member States through Directive 2009/28 (which we may all be hearing more of in the not too distant future). In explaining this Directive in detail, the book lists the various target dates it has imposed for implementing the successive necessary stages toward establishing renewable energy programmes throughout the EU. With some EU countries keen and others reluctant to achieve the required renewable energy goals this is, again, no easy task. All of which points up the importance of this book. Recently published by Edward Elgar as part of their series entitled New Horizons in Environmental and Energy Law. It is apparently the first book to map legal questions around renewable energy from the perspective of local governments. The diverse body of research has been led by its able editors, both experts in this field. Marjan Peeters is a Professor of Environmental Policy and Law at Maastricht University. Thomas Schomerus is a Professor of Energy and Environmental Law at Leuphana University, Lüneburg, Germany. The research is detailed and extensively footnoted throughout, so you have a wealth of references to other sources of information and comment and to help you navigate, there is a detailed index at the back. This is a timely contribution to the body of literature on renewable energy and the role and responsibilities of the local and regional government authorities which must -- like it or not -- eventually implement it across the European Union. Environmental lawyers, as well as decision makers in local governments throughout the EU will definitely need to acquire this book. The publication date is cited as at 2014.

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