

RIVISTA QUADRIMESTRALE  
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS AND  
SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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**GENERAL RULES ON SUBMISSION OF MANUSCRIPTS**  
**TO RIVISTA QUADRIMESTRALE DI DIRITTO DELL'AMBIENTE**

- The Journal *Rivista Quadrimestrale di Diritto dell'Ambiente* (RQDA) promotes multilingualism in an internationally open research's environment and accepts articles, case notes and other papers in Italian, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

- All the articles, case notes and other papers, to be submitted via email at [rqda.redazione@gmail.com](mailto:rqda.redazione@gmail.com), must include an Abstract (drafted in such a way as to give an adequate and exhaustive synopsis of the key ideas of the manuscript) and at least five keywords, both in the original language and in English.

- The Journal will publish:

- with a fixed four-monthly frequency, three regular issues with progressive numbering from no. 1 to no. 3 referring to each year (in Arabic numerals: e.g. Year 2024 - Number 1);

- on a non-fixed basis, special thematic issues, the progressive numbering of which (in Roman numerals: e.g. Year 2024 - Special Issue I) will be continuous and independent of that of the regular issues; the Board of Editors may receive and evaluate proposals to this effect.

- Every regular issue of RQDA comprises two leading and regular Sections: "SAGGI" (double-blind peer reviewed, submitted to two anonymous referees), reserved for full research articles; "NOTE E COMMENTI" (double-blind peer reviewed, submitted to a single anonymous referee), reserved for short articles or case notes. Other eventual Sections, where appropriate, shall be: "OPINIONI E SEGNALAZIONI" (not necessarily peer-reviewed but subjected to a prior assessment by the Editor-in-Chief and/or the coordinator/s or editor/s of each issue), which will host other papers such as opinions, reports, reviews, news, surveys and various materials, including also papers aimed at informing on developments in the legislation, case law or legal scholarship of foreign countries for the purpose of legal comparison; "PAPERS" (not necessarily peer-reviewed but subjected to a prior assessment by the Editor-in-Chief and/or the coordinator/s or editor/s of each issue), reserved for conferences papers presented at scientific congresses, workshops or seminars.

- If a regular issue, or a single section thereof, is monographic rather than miscellaneous, the double-blind peer review may be carried out (as an alternative to the separate evaluation of each individual article) by submitting all the articles, as a whole, to the evaluation of at least four anonymous referees.

- Special issues do not need to be divided into sections; the articles in the special issues will be subjected to the double-blind peer review in two alternative ways: separately, by submitting each of them to a single referee; or alternatively as a whole, by submitting all of them to the evaluation of at least four anonymous referees.

- Each issue of the Journal, as well as one or more theme sections in each issue, can be introduced by a presentation article (not necessarily peer-reviewed) written by the coordinator/s or editor/s of the same issue.

- The Journal RQDA shall only accept the following contributions: **(i)** original and unpublished works, in the sense that a similar or the same text has not been submitted or published elsewhere nor is being considered for publication elsewhere, in other journals or by other editors; **(ii)** works that have been previously published in non-open access journals or

books, but only on condition that the principal Author (or, in alternative, the Editor-in-Chief of RQDA) declares and guarantees, under his own responsibility, that he/she has obtained the prior consent of the previous editor/journal to the re-publication (or the translation to another language) in RQDA; (iii) works that have been previously published in open access journals or books, but only on condition that the principal Author declares and guarantees, under his own responsibility, that the re-publication (or the translation to another language) in RQDA does not infringe any existing copyright or other third party right.

- As for the full research articles to be published in the Section “SAGGI”, the text should preferably be between 30.000 (minimum) and 200.000 (maximum) characters, including spaces.

- As for the short articles, case notes or other papers to be published in the Sections “NOTE E COMMENTI”, “OPINIONI E SEGNALAZIONI” or “PAPERS”, the text should preferably be between 15.000 (minimum) and 80.000 (maximum) characters, including spaces.

- As for the articles, case notes or other papers to be published in the Special Issues, the text should preferably be between 15.000 (minimum) and 200.000 (maximum) characters, including spaces.

- The Abstracts, in any case, should preferably not exceed 20 lines.

- The Board of Editors reserves the possibility to publish contributions shorter or longer than the above recommended size limits.

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### **SIMPLIFIED EDITING RULES FOR FOREIGN AUTHORS**

The **Editing Rules (simplified version)** to be complied with by the **foreign Authors** wishing to submit their manuscripts to RQDA, in a language other than Italian, are summarized below.

- Files shall be submitted in .doc or .docx format, or in other equivalent formats easily convertible into .doc or .docx.

- The manuscript must not have page numbers or headers. It must include in the first page, in a footnote with the symbol \*, authors' name and surname, academic or professional qualification (e.g. “Full Professor of ...”) and affiliation (e.g. “at the Faculty of ..., University of ...”), and email address of the corresponding author; acknowledgments have to be placed in the same footnote with the symbol \*. For other footnotes in the article, numbers will be used starting from 1.

- The manuscript shall comply with the following structure and order:

- Title in the language of the text (except for the manuscripts submitted in English);
- Title in English;
- Table of Contents with numbers and titles of the paragraphs, separated by a dash;
- Abstract in the language of the text (except for the papers submitted in English), max 20 lines;
- Abstract in English, max 20 lines;
- Keywords in the language of the text (except for the papers submitted in English);

- Keywords in English;
- number(s) and title(s) of paragraph(s);
- Text (for the minimum and maximum length of the text, see Section A).

The manuscript shall be divided into paragraphs.

- Quotations in the text and/or in the footnotes (e.g. from legal scholarship, case law, or legislation) shall be between quotations marks «...» (e.g., «quotation»): please do not italicise the quotation.

- *Italic font* has to be used for words in a foreign language (other than that of the text); it could be used in order to emphasize specific words or phrases, too.

- Quotation marks “...” should be used for quotes within quotes (e.g. «... “...” ...»), or to set off a word of unusual meaning or an unfamiliar, excessively slangy, or coined word the first time it is used.

- Please use footnotes for citing references and sources (if possible, endnotes, references within parentheses or in-text citations should be avoided). Footnotes numbering shall be progressive, in arabic numerals. Authors can employ the style of bibliographical references which is standard in their language and should be consistent throughout the document. It is not mandatory to follow the Italian style of bibliographical references adopted by the Journal (see on the website RQDA the “*Norme Editoriali*”, in Italian); nevertheless, the possibility remains for the authors to do it at their own discretion.

- It is not recommended to add to the end of text a final bibliographic reference list; nevertheless, the possibility remains for the authors to do it at their own discretion.

- In the footnotes, please cite the authors or editors as follows: initial(s) of name followed by surname (only the first letter is capitalized as usual), in SMALL CAPS, by including full points after each name’s initial (e.g. J.K. GREEN); the co-authors can be separated by a dash (e.g. J.K. GREEN - R. BROWN). Please use the *Italic font* for the title of the work and the title of the Journal (e.g. L.S. WHITE - M. BLUE (eds.), *Environmental Law and Ecology*, Future University Press, Rome, 2020, p. 43; J.K. GREEN, *The Environment*, in *Rivista Quadrimestrale di Diritto dell’Ambiente*, Vol. 8, No. 1, 2018, p. 33 et seqq.).

- No space is required before the following marks: . (full stop) , (comma) : (colon) ; (semicolon) ! (exclamation mark) ? (question mark) ” or » (closing quotation marks). After them one space is due. Only hyphen “-” or minus sign “–” can be used; the first one, with no space before and after can be used to join words or numbers (social-ecological systems; 2014-15; pp. 13-15); no dash marks should be used.