

Objective

The goal of this two and a half day workshop is to develop and raise understanding on the key legal aspects of European participatory and procedural rights in environmental matters.

Key topics

- Introduction to the participatory and procedural rights in environmental matters – Aarhus Convention and the EU
- Access to information in environmental matters
- Public participation in decision making: Scope of application and steps of procedure
- Access to justice in the public participation context – Article 9 (2) Aarhus Convention
- Access to justice in general – Article 9 (3) Aarhus Convention

Who should attend?

Judges from all EU Member States who are interested in environmental law.

Speakers

Jerzy Jendroška, Partner of Jendroška Jerzmanski Bar & Partners, Environmental Law Center, Wrocław; Adjunct Professor, Opole University

Matthias Keller, Judge at the Administrative Court, Aachen

Monika Krivickaite, Course Director, Public Law, ERA, Trier

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PARTICIPATORY AND PROCEDURAL RIGHTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Trier, 4-6 February 2015
ERA Conference Centre
Metzer Allee 4, Trier, Germany

Organiser: ERA (Monika Krivickaite) on behalf of the European Commission (contracting authority)

Language: English



Wednesday, 4 February 2015

08:45 Arrival and registration of participants

09:15 **Setting the scene**
Monika Krivickaite

I. OPENING SESSION
European Commission

09:30 **Participatory and procedural rights in environmental matters: Introduction**

10:30 **Aarhus Convention and the EU: Latest developments**

11:30 Coffee break

II. ACCESS TO INFORMATION
Áine Ryall

12:00 **Access to information in environmental matters – Implementation and application of Aarhus convention and the Directive 2003/4/EC at national level**

13:00 Lunch break

14:00 **Case Study on access to information: Introduction to the facts of the case & working groups**

14:45 Coffee break

15:15 **Case Study on access to information: Discussion of the results**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Jerzy Jendrośka

16:00 **Public participation in decision making: Scope of application**

17:00 End of the first workshop day

Thursday, 5 February 2015

09:00 **Public participation in decision making: steps of procedure**

10:00 **Case study on public participation: Introduction to the facts of the case & working groups**

11:15 Coffee Break

11:45 **Case study on public participation: Discussion of the results**

12:45 Lunch break

IV. ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONTEXT
Article 9 (2) Aarhus Convention
Áine Ryall

14:00 **Access to justice**

15:00 **Case study on access to justice: Introduction to the facts of the case & working groups**

15:45 Coffee Break

16:15 **Case study on access to justice: Discussion of the results**

17:00 End of the second workshop day

Friday, 6 February 2015

V. ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN GENERAL
Article 9 (3) Aarhus Convention
Matthias Keller

09:00 **Access to justice: Article 9 (3) Aarhus Convention**

10:00 **Case study on access to justice (Article 9 (3) Aarhus Convention): Introduction to the facts of the case & working groups**

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **Case study: Discussion of the results**

12:30 **Evaluation of the workshop**

13:00 End of the workshop