



Workshop on Access to Justice

October 18-19, 2017

In cooperation with the Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors “Pavel Shatev”

The aim of the workshop

The workshop provides an opportunity for judges and legal professionals from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to understand better the access to justice requirements of the Aarhus Convention, related EU directives and national legislation and

- It will be an interactive platform to exchange experience
- It will provide insight into how access to justice works in EU and other countries.
- It will address major difficulties and gaps in implementation of the access to justice rights, and solutions for the removal or reduction of barriers to access to justice.

The workshop is organized based on relevant case studies and demonstration court cases to illustrate the most problematic issues related to access to justice in environmental matters relevant to the countries.

The training takes place in Macedonian and English language with synchronised translation.

Venue

Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors,
Blvd.Jane Sandanski 12, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

Programme

Day 1

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| 8:45 | Registration |
| 9:00 | Opening and welcome
<i>Director of the Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors, tbc</i>
<i>Representative of the Ministry of Justice, tbc</i>
<i>Representative of the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, tbc</i>
<i>Mr. Igor Slavkoski, REC Country Office Director, tbc</i> |
| 9:30 | Introduction to the programme, trainers and participants – REC team |
| 9:40 | SESSION 1: SETTING THE SCENE |



Introduction on the requirements on access to justice in environmental matters:

Aarhus Convention's structure, rights, legal basics, overall application in the UNECE, EU legislation, and national contexts – *Mr. Jerzy Jendroška, expert*

Implementing the Aarhus Convention's third pillar and the role judges can play

– *Representative of the Ministry of the Environment of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (tbc)*

10:30 Coffee break

10:45 The CSO perspective on access to justice – *Mr. Stole Georgiev, Center for Local Development (CELOR)*

Questions-answers, discussion.

11:15 SESSION 2: ARTICLE 9.1 - INFORMATION

Access to justice on access to information under the Aarhus Convention and national legislation (Art. 9.1) – *Mr. Jerzy Jendroška and Ms. Aleksandra Bujaroska, legal expert*

Questions, answers, discussion.

12:00 Solving examples from case laws (Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee/the ECJ/national courts) – *Moderated by Mr. Jerzy Jendroška*

In plenary and in groups.

13:00 Lunch

14:15 SESSION 3: ARTICLE 9.2 – PARTICIPATION

Access to justice on public participation in decision-making under the Aarhus Convention and national legislation (Art. 9.2) – *Mr. Jerzy Jendroška and Ms. Aleksandra Bujaroska, legal expert*

Questions, answers, discussion.

15:00 Coffee break

15:20 Solving examples from case laws (Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee/the ECJ/national courts) – *Moderated by Mr. Jerzy Jendroška*

In plenary and in groups.

16:20 Preparation for SESSION 5 (moot court exercise): presentation of the facts and assignment of roles.



Day 2

9:00 **SESSION 4 – ARTICLE 9.3**

Access to justice in case of contravening national law relating to the environment under the Aarhus Convention and national legislation (Art. 9.3) –

Mr. Jerzy Jendrośka and Ms. Aleksandra Bujaroska, legal expert

Questions, answers, discussion.

09:45 **Solving examples of case laws** (Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee/the ECJ/national courts) – *Moderated by Mr. Jerzy Jendrośka*

In plenary and in groups.

10:40 **Discussion: identifying the main barriers to access to justice** – *Moderated by Mr. Jerzy Jendrośka*

11:00 **Discussion: networking** – *Moderated by Ms. Cécile Monnier, REC*

11:20 **SESSION 5 – MOOT COURT CASE**

Coffee break including preparation of the moot court exercise by the players

11:50 **Moot court exercise**

Feedback, discussion.

13:20 **Evaluation of the training. Distribution of diplomas. Closing.**

14:00 **Lunch** (nearby restaurant)