

Workshop Topic: Aarhus and how to make use of it?

Most important points of our topic:

- Access to information, transparency
- Real and early public participation
- Access to court
- Knowledge about Aarhus at NGO (local) administration, courts

What do we want to achieve?

- Choose Aarhus as a starting point for a new movement for the cooperation for environmental rights
- Attract more people for public participation
- Authorities are aware of the benefits of early participation.

Three possible strategies that are useful to achieve this?

- Exchange of experience/positive examples
- Inform people about their rights, that they go to court/make them aware what Aarhus could mean for them
- Achieve a lobby in Brussels
- Show the administrations that NGOs could be partners, value of early participation

Further steps to succeed:

- Distribute information within NGOs on the national and European level (brochures, workshops, internet)
- Distribute information to administration, public (benefits of early administration)
- Create information base/platform (guide book, internet) and strategy to promote it/use it
- Attract transport authority

Practical action points for the next half year:

- Organise a special workshop on “Aarhus and transport” to make aware and discuss further concrete steps.

Concrete things each of us can offer to make it happen:

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