

# THE UNECE CONVENTION ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS (AARHUS CONVENTION)

## TASK FORCE ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION

### ELECTRONIC INFORMATION TOOLS: CASE STUDY BY SLOVAKIA

#### *ENVIROINFO – ENVIRONMENTAL META-INFORMATION SYSTEM*

[enviroinfo.enviroportal.sk](http://enviroinfo.enviroportal.sk)

## I. Description

### 1. Brief description:

ENVIROINFO ENVIRONMENTAL META-INFORMATION SYSTEM represents the second generation of IS aimed at ensuring the availability of all necessary information and to support activities for the development, operation and further development of e-Government within the Ministry of Environment. The main objective is to create a tool for the effective use of information to interested parties, immediate access to metadata and thereby facilitate the identification of sources of information.

### 2. Type: governmental

### 3. Scope: national

### 4. Working language(s): Slovak language

### 5. Target users: public, interested public, NGOs, citizens, students, businesses, stakeholders and public administration

### 6. Starting year: 2004

### 7. Budget and funding source: 2 000 €/yearly, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic

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## II. Implementation

### 9. Policy, legal and institutional context:

Act No. 251/1995 Coll. on the State Information System  
Act No. 211/2000 Coll. on Free Access to Information  
Act No. 205/2004 Coll. on Collection, Storage and Dissemination of Environmental Information

### 10. Partner organizations involved:

Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic, Slovak Environment Agency, Environmental sectors,

### 11. Stakeholders involved, their expected benefits:

Information is widely used by the stakeholders.

### 12. User needs and methods of their assessment:

There is more than 300 000 metadata entry about environmental impact document and Environmental sectors INSPIRE metadata entry, problem may be keeping them up to date.

### 13. Technology choice: PHP Symphony, webportal, Conterra Metadata Editor for INSPIRE metadata entry

### III. Evaluation

- **14. Results:** according to Google Analytics [www.enviroportal.sk](http://www.enviroportal.sk) there were more than 150 000 users last year
- **15. Efficiency gains:** implementing new metadata system for INSPIRE metadata entry
- **16. Risks:** no identified yet
- **17. Challenges encountered (please indicate resolved or not):** Metadata entry may be up to date
- **18. Lessons learned:** metadata information should be displayed according to multiple search keys and keywords is necessary
- **19. Conditions for successful replication:** the outputs are widely used by public, interested public, NGOs, citizens, students, businesses and stakeholders
- **20. Overall assessment of the tool:** highly positive