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ASOCIACION PARA LA JUSTICIA AMBIENTAL

Asociación para la Justicia Ambiental (Association for Environmental Justice) is a group of Spanish lawyers based in Zaragoza, Murcia and Santander (Spain) who are working on access to justice in environmental matters, defending public interest environmental cases for NGOs and citizens, representing the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide (Elaw) www.elaw.org in Spain and attending the Aarhus Convention process.

BOND BETER LEEFMILIEU



Bond Beter Leefmilieu (BBL) is the umbrella federation of 140 Flemish environmental NGOs. We have a three tiered approach. We campaign, lobby politicians and businessmen alike, and give support to our member organisations. BBL strives for the future of the environment with clean air, soil and water, and thriving natural systems. Our members include local and regional organisations, and also national NGOs like Greenpeace, WWF and Birdlife International. <http://www.bblv.be/page.php/30>

CEE BANKWATCH



CEE Bankwatch Network (Bankwatch) was founded in May 1995 to work on the environmental impacts of international finance in the CEE region. Starting in seven CEE countries Bankwatch has grown in terms of geographical and issue coverage and is currently active across the majority of former communist countries, from the Baltic states, through Central Europe and the Balkans to Caucasus and Central Asia, covering both new member states as well as acceding countries and third countries. Bankwatch was one of the very first environmental networks in the region and has been successfully working, developing and strengthening for more than ten years. www.bankwatch.org

ECOLOGISTAS EN ACCION



Ecologistas en Acción is the largest (in terms of geographical distribution) Spanish environmental NGO, born out of the merger of over 300 local groups all over the country, some of them with a history of several decades fighting for the environment in small towns or in big urban areas.

www.ecologistasenaccion.org

FRANCE NATURE ENVIRONNEMENT



France Nature Environnement (FNE) is the federation that encompasses all environmental NGOs in France. Its aim is to improve the law on the environment and make sure that it is enforced. FNE works to improve the French, European and International law and to make sure that it takes into account the protection of the environment. FNE makes proposal to French and European deputies through its lobbying activities but also resorts to litigation when it is necessary. <http://www.fne.asso.fr>

FRIENDS OF THE IRISH ENVIRONMENT



Friends of the Irish Environment was established in 1997 to create and maintain a network of conservationists and environmentalists in Ireland to:

- monitor the full implementation of, and to assist in the development of, European law;
- work for changes in the Irish planning laws;
- encourage the implementation of the right to full public participation;
- provide assistance to individuals, local groups, and the wider public in understanding environmental issues;
- seek proper implementation of environmental and planning law to support sustainable communities including the pursuit of concerns and cases in both the built and the natural environment. <http://friendsoftheirishenvironment.net/>

GREENPEACE INTERNATIONAL



Greenpeace is an independent global campaigning organisation that acts to change attitudes and behaviour, to protect and conserve the environment and to promote peace. It comprises 28 independent national/regional offices in over 40 countries across Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa and the Pacific, as well as a co-ordinating body, Greenpeace International. www.greenpeace.org/

IFAW



The International Fund for Animal Welfare works to improve the welfare of wild and domestic animals throughout the world by reducing commercial exploitation of animals, protecting wildlife habitats, and assisting animals in distress. IFAW seeks to motivate the public to prevent cruelty to animals and to promote animal welfare and conservation policies that advance the well-being of both animals and people. One of the most respected international animal welfare organisations, IFAW has offices in 16 countries in Europe, Asia, the Pacific, Latin America, North America and Russia and has a supporter base of more than one million. www.ifaw.org

INSTITUTO INTERNACIONAL DE DERECHO Y MEDIO AMBIENTE



The Instituto Internacional de Derecho y Medio Ambiente (IIDMA) is a non-profit organization registered in Spain and established in 1996 to contribute to environmental protection and to promote sustainable development through the study, development and effective implementation of environmental law. The Institute emphasizes an international and multidisciplinary approach in its activities. IIDMA is accredited to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) since 1998. In 2001 it was declared of public interest by the Spanish Ministry of Home Affairs and it is registered as a cooperation to development NGO at the Spanish Agency for Cooperation to Development. www.iidma.org

NABU



NABU works for the protection of biological diversity, especially in Germany, also in other parts of the world. Where possible our aim is also to ensure that future generations can live on a planet with a wider diversity of species and habitats as well as clean air and water, healthy soil and as many non-renewable resources as possible. NABU tries to inspire people to engage themselves in the protection of nature and thereby contribute to the benefit of society. www.NABU.de

OCEANA



Oceana campaigns to protect and restore the world's oceans. Our teams of marine scientists, economists, lawyers and advocates win specific and concrete policy changes to reduce pollution and to prevent the irreversible collapse of fish populations, marine mammals and other sea life. Global in scope and dedicated to conservation, Oceana has

campaigners based in North America (Washington, DC; Alaska, California, Florida, Massachusetts, New York, and Oregon), Europe (Madrid, Spain; Brussels, Belgium) and South America (Santiago, Chile). Oceana has over 36,000 members around the world. To pursue its advocacy and inform the public about impacts on the marine environment, Oceana frequently requests access to government records. www.oceana.org

OEKOBUERO

OEKOBUERO is the coordination office of major 14 Austrian environmental organizations seated in Austria. OEKOBUERO has a major focus on environmental law and has been working on the Aarhus Convention for the last ten years. www.oekobuero.at



SOS GRAND BLEU

SOS Grand Bleu fights since 1989 for the protection of the marine environment and more specifically of dolphins and whales in the Mediterranean basin. Founded in 1990, SOS Grand Bleu's aim is the development of all actions which aim at protecting the fauna and flora of the Mediterranean Sea and particularly of the species threaten by the human activities in the sea and on earth. <http://www.sosgrandbleu.asso.fr/>