

IMPLEMENTING POLLUTANT RELEASE AND TRANSFER REGISTERS TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Side Event

**Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention
Chisinau, 29 June -1 July 2011**

The secretariat of the UNECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova and the United Nations Development Programme in Moldova.

INVITE YOU TO share experiences on the benefits for sustainable development of exercising the *right to know* through implementing the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers and to discuss on challenges ahead

Thursday, 30 June, 8.30-9.45
Salle B
Breakfast provided



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PROGRAMME

8:30 - *Opening*

Welcome by Mr. Radu Bajureanu, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Moldova

Introduction by Mr. Michel Amand, Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs).

8:40 - *Benefits of implementing the Protocol on PRTRs:*

Mr. Patrick Ravillard, European Commission

8:50 – *Challenges and benefits of developing PRTRs in Belarus;*

Mr. Ivan Narkevitch, Head of the Department of International Conventions and Agreements, RUE "Bel SRC "Ecology", Belarus

9:00 – *NGOs role in developing and implementing PRTRs:* European ECOForum

9:10 – *PRTRs to improving environmental performance and reducing pollution:* industry representative

9:20 –*PRTRs to ensuring public's right to know:* UNEP

9:30 - *Summary and conclusion remarks*

The Protocol's objective is to enhance public access to information and to facilitate public participation as well as to contribute to preventing and reducing environmental pollution.

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