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Summary

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OSCE, ECE	Regional Workshop on Access to Justice in Environmental Matters for South Caucasus and Eastern Europe Countries	The workshop aimed at bringing together high-level judges and representatives from National Judicial Training Centres to share experiences, identify challenges and explore possible ways to enhance the implementation of the "access to justice" pillar of the Aarhus Convention in the countries of the South Caucasus and Eastern Europe.	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine	February 2015	Over 30 participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine participated in the workshop and familiarized themselves with the Article 9 of the Aarhus Convention and its linkages to other provisions of the Convention. The workshop contributed towards enhancing the knowledge and expertise of the participants on the procedural requirements for the Convention's implementation, in particular the article 9 of the Convention related to access to justice. The workshop also identified the need for exchanging experiences in environmental case law and capacity building of the judiciary in environmental law. Participants supported the idea of engaging in the existing international networking platforms for judges.	OSCE, ECE	Access to justice Objectives I, 5, I.6, I.10, I.11, I.12, I.13, I.14 and III.6
OSCE	Promoting the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in the South Eastern European Region	To strengthen regional, national and local capacities for participatory and informed planning, decision-making, implementation and monitoring processes in relation to environment and security challenges.	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia	July 2010-December 2015	As of January 2017, there are 14 Aarhus Centres established in South Eastern Europe, including through the support of this project. 3 Aarhus Centres operate in Albania, 3 in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 3 in Montenegro and 5 in Serbia. This network of Aarhus Centres has created an infrastructure for citizen-State-private sector interaction and dialogue on environmental issues. This project focuses on encouraging greater transparency in decision-making processes in local planning with implications for the environment. Aarhus Centres facilitate the Convention's implementation through capacity-building, awareness-raising and by providing a participatory platform for decision-making among relevant governmental and non-	ENVSEC (Government of Finland) ECE	Public participation Strategic Goal I: Objectives I.5, I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9

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					governmental stakeholders. The 2015 Aarhus Centres Annual Meeting was marked by the signature of the Joint Declaration on Co-operation among 13 Aarhus Centres from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia. The Aarhus Centres committed themselves to strengthen partnership and to closely co-operate in the promotion of the principles of the Aarhus Convention. Furthermore, the Joint Declaration aims at reinforcing dialogue among civil society organizations across the borders in order to tackle environmental issues more effectively. The Joint Declaration also outlines the main principles of co-operation between the Centres and highlights their commitment to develop a regional network of Aarhus Centres as a stable basis for a strengthened common voice in the region.		
OSCE	Civic Action for Security and Environment (CASE) NGO Small Grants Programme	To create an enabling environment for civil society organizations to be a strong partner, primarily to Governments but also to other stakeholders, in order to address environment and security challenges.	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan	2008-2016	CASE small grants programme aimed at building the capacity of civil society organisations in addressing environment and security challenges. The programme was implemented in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Tajikistan. All CASE projects have strong elements of public awareness and participation with a special focus on youth and women. Most of these projects benefit from the Aarhus Centre platforms and also contribute to the implementation of the Convention at the local level. In Armenia, CASE is an integral component of the Aarhus Centres Initiative. In Tajikistan, two regional Aarhus Centres have been instrumental in disseminating CASE	Governments of Austria, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein Norway, Switzerland, United States of America ENVSEC (Government of Canada and Finland)	General, Objectives I.5, I.9

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					information to NGOs. In its pilot phase, CASE received in total over 400 project applications from NGOs and supported 71 NGO projects in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Tajikistan. In the South Caucasus, 52 projects were granted CASE funding support, 18 in Azerbaijan and 34 in Armenia. In Tajikistan, 18 NGO projects received grants under the CASE Initiative.	Statoil Hydro	
OSCE	Aarhus Centres Annual Meetings	To share experiences, lessons learned and best practices on the implementation of the Aarhus Convention as well as to enhance co-operation and networking among Aarhus Centres.	Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus Bosnia and Herzegovina,, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Serbia, and Ukraine	June 2014 June 2015 November 2016	Aarhus Centres Annual Meetings bring together the Aarhus Centre representatives, Aarhus Convention National Focal Points and the OSCE field operations, as well as the representatives of several international and regional organizations for sharing experiences, lessons learned and best practices in the implementation of the Aarhus Convention. They also serve towards building Aarhus Centres' capacities in various thematic topics relevant to the Aarhus Convention. The 2016 Annual Aarhus Centres Meeting had a specific focus on the role of the Aarhus Centres in the transition to green economy and resource efficiency and also discussed their contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	OSCE	General, Objectives I.1, I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9
OSCE	Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Security in the OSCE area	The overall objective of the project is to strengthen capacities on disaster risk reduction within the OSCE area and with its partners at national and local levels in the selected countries of South Eastern Europe and Central Asia through	Albania Bosnia and Herzegovina Montenegro Serbia Kyrgyzstan Tajikistan	2015-2017	Facilitated transboundary cooperation and learning among 18 municipalities and communities in South-Eastern Europe and Central Asia with the active engagement of the Aarhus Centres and enabled preparation of online citizen resources on DRR reaching 200,000 residents in 4 countries in the SEE	Switzerland, Austria, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, United States of America	Access to information and public participation General Objectives I.12 and I.13

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		reinforcing transboundary co-operation for strengthening resilience of communities to disasters			region. In 2017, project activities focused on the border area (Ferghana Valley) between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, providing technical assistance in preparation of community risk reduction plans, educating the residents and training and equipping volunteer emergency responder teams.		
OSCE, UNDP, UNEP	Strengthening the capacities of Aarhus Centres in disaster risk reduction (DRR) in order to enhance awareness of local communities	To strengthen the capacities and roles of civil society and communities in DRR through the Aarhus Centres.	Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Tajikistan	2014-2016	Disaster vulnerabilities of target countries were identified along with the capacity development needs of respective Aarhus Centres to support community-based DRR in partnership with local NGOs. Pilot Aarhus Centres have increased knowledge of community based disaster risk reduction, were briefed regarding adequate communication and outreach tools, specified in a disaster awareness raising action plan developed in close collaboration with local authorities and other relevant DRR stakeholders. Pilot Aarhus Centres have implemented priority activities to raise awareness of disasters, preparedness of local communities and disseminated educational material to local populations.	Switzerland, Austria, Finland	Access to information and public participation Objectives I.4, I.5, I.7, I.8, I.9, I.11
OSCE, ECE	Strengthening the Implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Belarus	To support the Government of Belarus in strengthening the implementation of the Aarhus Convention with particular focus on promoting participatory environmental decision-making procedures and processes.	Belarus	2014-2016	The project supported enhancing the knowledge base of civil servants and the public on the Aarhus Convention. Legal expertise was provided for the adoption of regulations on public participation in decision making processes. The practical implementation of the new legislation was supported through the workshop and public hearings concerning the	Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC)	Public participation Objectives I.1, I.4, I.5, I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9

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					draft National Action Plan on the Implementation of the Principles of Green Economy in the National Economy of the Republic of Belarus until 2020 that were organized by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus and its scientific and research centre “Bel SRC Ecology” with the support from ECE and OSCE. Upgrading of the website of the Aarhus Centre in Minsk contributed to enhancing public access to environmental information. A study tour organized in Italy allowed representatives of the relevant state institutions of Belarus to familiarise themselves with the experience of Italy in providing access to environmental information and enabling public participation in decision making processes.		
UNDP, OSCE, UNEP	Stakeholder Engagement for Uranium Remediation in Central Asia	To engage and inform stakeholders concerning remediation of selected uranium tailings in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan with ensuring public consultation and participation, as well as involvement of relevant governmental agencies and local stakeholders. OSCE’s engagement aims at strengthening Aarhus Centres and new public environmental information centres, and supporting them in public outreach campaigns to create dialogue, raise awareness and inform the population about the risks posed by uranium legacy sites and benefits of remediation	Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan	2015-2018	In Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, Aarhus Centres representatives together with relevant government authorities have been trained on technical aspects of uranium legacy remediation. They received support for the launching of awareness raising campaigns and trainings for local population and pupils. In Kyrgyzstan, three new public information centres under the auspices of the Aarhus Centre Osh have been established in the concerned areas in close collaboration with local authorities.	Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC)	Public participation Objectives I.4, I.5, I.7, I.8, I.9, I.11

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		and risk management					
OSCE	Strengthening the role of Aarhus Centres in addressing environmental challenges in Eastern Europe	To promote good environmental governance and regional co-operation in Eastern Europe. The project will contribute to enhancing the Aarhus Centers' capacities to help address environmental challenges in Eastern Europe, including through fostering partnerships with the private sector, and facilitate the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in the three countries.	Belarus, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine	2016-2018	Project in the start-up phase	Germany, Norway	General Aarhus Centres, Objectives I.1, I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9
OSCE	Gender Mainstreaming in Aarhus Centres	To strengthen gender mainstreaming in Aarhus Centres' activities by developing the Aarhus Centres' respective capacities and by implementing pilot projects	Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Tajikistan	2014-2015	The project will be launched in 2014. Through the project, the Aarhus Centre staff and Aarhus stakeholders will develop capacity to effectively integrate a gender perspective into their work. The project will facilitate dialogue and strengthen cooperation among the Aarhus Centres at the regional level by bringing them together for joint discussion of issues related to gender mainstreaming.	At the fundraising stage	General Objectives I.12 and I.13
OSCE	Promoting the engagement of Aarhus Centres in green economy and resource efficiency	To strengthen Aarhus Centres' capacity for contributing to the transition to green economy and resource efficiency.	Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Tajikistan	2017-2019	The project will aim to: (a) Improve the capacity of Aarhus Centres for promoting green economy and resource efficiency; (b) Increase awareness among civil society, businesses and population to generate more benefits from green economy and resource efficiency reforms; (c) Improve knowledge-sharing and mutual learning to help strengthen cross-border	To be launched in the second half of 2017 / at the fundraising stage	General, Aarhus Centres Objectives I.1, I.4, I.5, I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9

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					networking among Aarhus Centres in the area of green economy and resource efficiency.		
OSCE Office in Yerevan	Aarhus Centres in Armenia	To empower civil society in Armenia as essential partner in reducing environment and security risks through promoting the implementation of the Aarhus Convention.	Armenia	2013-2017	The project builds on achievements of the previous phases of the project which supported the establishment and operation of 15 Aarhus Centres. The Aarhus Centres are actively involved in monitoring the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and in providing recommendations on how to improve public participation in decision making. In 2015, in an effort to institutionalize the Aarhus Centres and to ensure their long-term sustainability, the OSCE Office in Yerevan (OiY) commissioned an Independent evaluation of the Aarhus Centre activities. The project continues to strengthen the participatory decision-making on environmental issues at local and national level, enhance access to environmental information and support capacity building activities in public participation processes.	OSCE Office in Yerevan	General, Aarhus Centres Objectives I.2, I.3, I.4, I.5, I.6, I.7, I.9, I.10, I.11, I.13, I.15, III.3 III.4, III.5 and III.6
OSCE Office in Yerevan	To support government and civil society to address environmental and security risks and to formulate effective environmental policy	To support the Government of Armenia in the implementation of international environmental obligations and to promote green economy.	Armenia	November 2012- December 2016	The project supports the Centre on Sustainable Development (a group of lawyers and environmental experts organized under the umbrella of the Yerevan State University's Centre on Sustainable Development) in promoting good environmental governance and strengthening institutional capacity in environmental policy-making and in implementation of international environmental commitments. The Centre actively cooperates with the Aarhus Centres and organizes training	OSCE Office in Yerevan	General, Objectives I.1, I.4, I.5, I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9

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					for the Aarhus Centre Coordinators on environmental management issues. With the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, the relation between the Ministry and the group of experts representing the Centre has been formalized, recognizing the centre as a hub for environmental expertise.		
OSCE Office in Yerevan	Promoting the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Armenia	To raise awareness of government authorities and civil society organizations on environmental issues and on the Aarhus Convention. To strengthen national and local capacities to monitor and assess the Convention implementation in relation to environment and security challenges.	Armenia	August 2016-December 2016	The project enhanced access to environmental information and raised awareness on national and local environment and security challenges mainly through the upgrading of the website www.aarhus.am and through providing environmental education. ..	OSCE Office in Yerevan	Access to information Objectives I.2, I.3, I.5, I.6, I.7, I.8, 1.11, 1.12, 1.13, II.1, II.4, II.5, III.1, III.2, III.3 and III.6.
OSCE Office in Yerevan	Strengthening access to justice in environmental matters	To analyse the implementation of article 9 of the Aarhus Convention in Armenia and to identify any impediments encountered in meeting the requirements related to access to justice with focus on standing, costs and remedies. It also aims to conduct trainings for legal professionals on national and international environmental legislation and access to justice in environmental matters.	Armenia	2014-2016	The project supported the review of the respective national legal framework and development of amendments and draft legal acts. The project also supported development of recommendations for environmental taxation and guidelines on the implementation of the access to justice pillar of the Aarhus Convention.	OSCE Office in Yerevan	Access to Justice Objectives I.5, I.6, I.10, I.11, I.12, I.13 and I.14

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OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina	Democratic Governance Project; Activity: Protecting the environment through dialogue and transparency in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton	To strengthen co-operation - between decision-makers and civil society towards increased public participation in environmental governance.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	April 2016	The project developed the following recommendations: creation of a registry, an NGO advisory board, and/or a dedicated post in the cantonal Ministry to foster the links between the respective governmental and NGO sectors in this branch of governance; timely inclusion of civil society in the development of legislation and policies; subsequent participation of some Herzegovina-Neretva NGOs in a country-wide campaign to ensure creation and adoption of a state-level strategy on environment issues; raising awareness about the links between the environmental and other aspects of good governance and processes	OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina	Public participation Objectives I.7, I.9, I.10 and I.11
OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina	Democratic Governance Project; Activity: Earth Day community action in Mostar	To raise environmental awareness through a multi-stakeholder community action	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2016	The project supported advocacy activities with the cantonal institutions on the need to foster their relations with the public in both decision-making processes and community actions; adoption of a cantonal law on environmental protection in December 2016.	OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina	General, education Objective I.5, I.9
OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina	Democratic Governance Project; Activity: Regional Conference of Water Quality Control Bodies	To provide a platform for discussion on transboundary water management issues by bringing together national authorities in charge of water management in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria, Serbia, and Croatia, as well as representatives of Aarhus Centres and relevant regional organizations (the International Commission for Danube River Protection and International Sava River Basin Commission.	Bosnia and Herzegovina and other countries of the South-Eastern Europe region	May 2016	To adopt recommendations for enhanced trans-boundary water co-operation	OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina	Public participation Objectives I.7, I.9, I.10 and I.11

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OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina	Support to Aarhus Centre Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina (covering costs for participants at the final event)	Support Sectoral Consultative Mechanism (SECO) group on Environment, Energy and Transport in Bosnia and Herzegovina to promote the adoption of the environmental strategic documents in Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	September 2016	Enable the participations from SECO group to contribute to the promotion efforts	OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina	Public participation Objectives I.5, I.9
OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina	Democratic Governance Project; Activity: Support to the implementation of Social Cohesion Action Plan	To train students on waste management at local level	Bosnia and Herzegovina	September 2016	Increased awareness and training on waste management at local level through joint action of relevant local authorities	OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina	Education, public participation Objectives I.5, I.9
OSCE Programme Office in Astana	Promotion of the implementation of the Aarhus Convention through Aarhus Centres in Eastern and Central Kazakhstan	To provide assistance to regional Aarhus Centres, local authorities, business and civil society in implementing the Aarhus Convention provisions, organizing public hearings, introducing PRTR Protocol and green technologies through institutional and professional capacity building activities, thereby leading to an effective implementation of the Convention.	Kazakhstan	March 2015- November 2015	Increased awareness and capacity as well as improved partnership among civil society, local administrations, business and citizens on the effective implementation of the Aarhus Convention. Organization of public hearings on environmental matters and greater access to environmental information in Eastern Kazakhstan. Increased capacity and awareness of local authorities, private sector and civil society in introducing green technologies as part of sustainable development in the region and preparation towards the EXPO-2017 "Future Energy".	OSCE Programme Office in Astana	General, Aarhus Centres, Access to Information, Objectives I.8, I.11 and III.2
OSCE Programme Office in	Facilitating the effective implementation of the Aarhus	To provide assistance to national authorities of Kazakhstan, regional Aarhus Centres and judges in building an efficient network and	Kazakhstan	June 2015- October 2015	Increased capacity building and enhanced coordination between all stakeholders on the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Kazakhstan through a training-seminar	OSCE Programme Office in Astana	General, Aarhus Centres Objectives

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Astana	Convention in Kazakhstan through capacity-building activities	an up-to-date institutional as well as professional capacity in line with the Aarhus Convention.			<p>(“Implementation of the public environmental control to address environmental issues through Aarhus Centres activities”).</p> <p>Improved capacity of judiciary in oversight of the Aarhus Convention implementation through a training for judges on access to justice in environmental matters.</p>		I.11, I.13
OSCE Programme Office in Astana	Facilitating the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Kyzylorda, Eastern Kazakhstan and Pavlodar regions	To provide assistance to the regional Aarhus Centres, central and local authorities, private sector and civil society in implementing the Aarhus Convention provisions through awareness-raising and professional capacity building activities.	Kazakhstan	April 2016-December 2016	<p>1. Increased awareness among civil society, local administrations, private sector and individuals on safe handling of hazardous chemicals and obsolete pesticides through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of brochures on hazardous chemicals and obsolete pesticides. - Two awareness raising seminars in Aralsk and Kyzylorda on hazardous chemicals and obsolete pesticides. - Development of the general methodology for Aarhus Centres in conducting similar activities in other regions. <p>2. Increased public participation in environmental decision-making by using EITI mechanisms and strengthened partnership among all stakeholders (state-business-civil society) on environment protection issues in Eastern Kazakhstan through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organization of a roundtable discussion on the environmental footprint of extracting companies activities in Eastern Kazakhstan, their social responsibility and the role of government authorities in this process. 	OSCE Programme Office in Astana	Public participation Aarhus Centres Objectives I.9, I.10, I.11, II.6

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Setting up the EITI expert group (consisting of state-business-civil society representatives) in the form of public council to promote and implement EITI principles in the region. - Implementing an analysis of the corporate social investments in the region and developing recommendations on better EITI implementation in the region. - Holding an expanded meeting of the EITI expert group to discuss recommendations and develop an action plan for 2017. <p>3. Increased public participation in environmental decision-making processes in Pavlodar region through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conducting a research to identify existing barriers in public participation in environmental decision-making by carrying out websites monitoring, holding a survey and facilitating focus group discussions. - Conducting three awareness raising and capacity building trainings for NGOs, students and civil society on the Aarhus Convention and public participation mechanisms in the framework of national environmental legislation (Pavlodar, Aksu, Ekibastuz). - Conducting a roundtable to present the project results to the state-business-civil society representatives (Pavlodar) 		
OSCE Programme Office in Astana	Facilitating the Aarhus Convention implementation in Kazakhstan	To provide assistance to the national authorities of Kazakhstan, regional Aarhus centres and judiciary in building an efficient network and an up-to-date	Kazakhstan		Increased capacity building and enhanced coordination among all the stakeholders on the implementation of the Aarhus Convention and PRTR Protocol in Kazakhstan through supporting preparation of the report on the	OSCE Programme Office in Astana, UNDP	General, Aarhus Centres, PRTR, Objectives

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		institutional as well as professional capacity to comply with the obligations assumed by Kazakhstan under the Aarhus Convention.			Aarhus Convention's implementation in Kazakhstan followed by a training workshop for civil society and business representatives on best practices and international experience in introducing the PRTR in the national legislation. Improved capacity of judiciary in the oversight of the Aarhus Convention implementation through the following activities: - Providing an expert assessment of the draft normative decree of the Supreme Court on the judicial practices in environmental disputes; - A training seminar for judges on the judicial application of environmental legislation.		I.8, I.10, I.13
OSCE Programme Office in Astana	Practical manual on Aarhus Convention for judiciary	To update the practical manual on the application of the Aarhus Convention principles by the country's judiciary.	Kazakhstan	2017	Practical manual for the judiciary is in the process of updating	OSCE Programme Office in Astana	Access to justice, GMOs matters, Objectives I.12, I.13 and Objective II.2
	Training for judges on access to justice in environmental matters.	To train judges on access to justice in environmental matters			Two trainings for judges have been completed		
	Analysis of GMO legislation Aarhus Centres Strategic Planning	To conduct expert analysis of GMO legislation To formulate a strategic development plan for Aarhus Centres			Ongoing Ongoing		

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OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek	Fostering access to environmental information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters in Kyrgyzstan and enhancing the capacity of the Aarhus Centres	The project aims to promote an open and timely public access to environmental information; strengthen implementation of the mechanisms and procedures for public participation; raise public awareness on their environmental rights and encourage media representatives to cover environmental issues more effectively. The project also aims to enhance institutional capacity of the Aarhus Centres in Kyrgyzstan.	Kyrgyzstan	2014-2016	<p>Training and educational courses on access to environmental information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters; and information campaigns on environmental issues were conducted for local population, the media, faculties of journalism and private sector for the benefit of the local population, decision-makers, media and NGOs.</p> <p>The Aarhus Centres in Bishkek and Osh updated their printed and electronic information material. Environmental information boards were installed in public spaces. Local media were involved in the creation and broadcast of environmental TV and radio programs. Thematic festivals and journalistic contests on environmental safety and rational use of natural resources were organized.</p> <p>Public hearings on conflict prevention related to the use of natural resources and environmental safety were organized with the involvement of local communities and decision-makers, NGOs and the media.</p> <p>Study tours for journalists and private sector on best practices in green economy and environmental safety were organized.</p> <p>Classes of environmental law were organized for law students and teachers and cooperation was established with the Judicial Training Centre and the Civil Service Training Centre to include environmental law in the curriculum.</p>		General, Aarhus Centres Objectives I.1, I.4, I.5, I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9, I.13, I.15, III.1, III.4 and III.6
OSCE Mission to Serbia (OMIS)	Study courses on environmental law	To enhance knowledge of law students, law practitioners and environmental civil society organizations about national and	Serbia	April 2014 May 2015	In co-operation with the Belgrade Faculty of Law and Aarhus Centre Kragujevac, in 2014 and 2015, OMIS organized three seminars aimed at enhancing the knowledge of law students and	OSCE Mission to Serbia	General, Education Objectives I.5, I.9 and

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		international environmental legislation and equip Serbia's future lawyers, judges and prosecutors with the legal mechanisms necessary to implement the country's environmental legislation.			environmental activists on enforcing environmental law. The seminars gathered in total 160 law students from different universities and representatives of environmental CSOs. The course modules included case studies and interactive presentations on the Aarhus Convention and its implementation, role and tasks of Aarhus Centres, models of public participation in environmental governance and relevant practice of law. Presentations were delivered by an eminent team of environmental experts.		III.7
OSCE Mission to Serbia (OMIS)	Setting up Flood Risk Action Alliances in selected municipalities exposed to floods	To improve flood resilience of affected communities and enhance involvement of civil society in disaster risk reduction (DRR).	Serbia	April-December 2014 October-December 2015 February-April 2016	In the period 2014-2016, OMIS supported the establishment of flood risk action alliances in three municipalities prone to flooding (Zajecar, Vranje and Bajina Basta) comprising representatives from the relevant ministries, state institutions, local authorities, local media, local environmental CSOs and Aarhus Centre. Members of the alliances in each municipality jointly drafted activity plans following which the Aarhus Centre South-East Serbia implemented comprehensive outreach campaigns aimed at enhancing DRR awareness and knowledge of local communities. The campaigns included assessment of the existing disaster risk management system in these municipalities, development of recommendations for their enhancement, drafting of guidelines for the improvement of participation of civil society in the process of disaster risk management and organization of trainings on modalities of public participation in disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness. Each outreach campaign also included development and printing of 10,000 educational leaflets with instructions and	OSCE Mission to Serbia	Access to information Public participation Objectives I.5, I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9, I.11 and III.6

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					measures related to DRR that were distributed in settlements at greatest risk of flooding. The Aarhus Centre South-East Serbia also developed two publications containing an overview of the activities carried out by the Flood Risk Action Alliances which was offered to other flood prone municipalities as a best practice model for community response to risk natural disasters.		
OSCE Mission to Serbia (OMIS)	Enhancing capacities of judiciary to enforce environmental legislation	To improve professional skills of the judiciary to apply and enforce environmental law and increase the number of processed environmental cases.	Serbia	September-October 2015 and May 2016	Together with the Judicial Academy in 2015 and 2016, the OSCE Mission to Serbia organized four training courses for the Administrative Court judges, civil and criminal court judges, judicial advisors and deputy public prosecutors that gathered in total 135 participants. The capacity building training courses aimed at strengthening the implementation of environmental legislation by upgrading practices in enforcing environmental laws and knowledge of the Aarhus Convention. Through presentations and case examples delivered by national and international environmental legislation experts, the participants were offered the possibility to advance their knowledge of provisions granted by the Aarhus Convention and the related compliance mechanism as well as of the new administrative procedures that occurred from breaches of environmental law in the national and EU context. Relevant environmental cases from Serbia and cases of complaints filed before European courts were presented to the participants, to improve their knowledge in international and national regulations related to liability for environmental damage.	OSCE Mission to Serbia	Access to Justice Objectives I.13 and III.7
OSCE Mission to Serbia	Support to the establishment and work of the	To enhance the knowledge and skills of law students regarding environmental protection, advance	Serbia	November 2015-December	As a result of a two-year long cooperation on environmental law between the OSCE Mission to Serbia and the University of Belgrade, Faculty	OSCE Mission to Serbia	Access to Justice, Education

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(OMIS)	Environmental Law Clinic at the Belgrade's Faculty of Law	implementation of the environmental legal framework, as well as provide the students with an opportunity to develop practical skills in handling environmental cases according to different legal instruments.		2016	of Law, an Environmental Law Clinic was established at the Belgrade Faculty of Law in 2015. In academic 2015-16, the OSCE Mission to Serbia supported the organization of twelve workshops for 55 law students who applied to attend Environmental Law Clinic programme. In academic 2016-17, twelve additional workshops were held for the second generation of law students (in total 30 students). The workshops were delivered by civil and criminal court judges, practitioners from independent state bodies and ministries, professors and expert attorneys and covered various topics including environmental offences, criminal and legal protection of the right to a healthy environment in the case law, environmental protection and public and private law, environmental damage in international and comparative law and EU environmental legislation.		Objectives I.5, I.9, I.12 and III.7
OSCE Mission to Serbia (OMIS)	Support the opening of an Aarhus Centre in Belgrade	To enhance enforcement of environmental legislation and strengthen participatory governance in environmental protection in Belgrade and throughout Serbia.	Serbia	November 2015	The Aarhus Centre Novi Beograd was established in 2015 after signing a MoU between the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection and the civil society organisation "Young Researchers of Serbia", with the OSCE Mission to Serbia's support. Aarhus Centre Novi Beograd will contribute to the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in and around Belgrade and provide members of the public with practical resources to exercise their environmental rights granted by the Convention. The Aarhus Centre network in Serbia has now expanded to a total of five Centres besides those already opened in Subotica, Novi Sad, Kragujevac and South-East Serbia.	OSCE Mission to Serbia	General, Aarhus Centre Objectives I.5, I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9, III.3 and III.5
OSCE Mission to Serbia	Workshops on community based disaster risk	To enhance skills of local authorities responsible for water and emergency management, urban planning, civil	Serbia	February-May 2015	In cooperation with the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities, the OSCE Mission to Serbia organized four capacity building trainings	OSCE Mission to Serbia	Objectives I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9 and

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(OMIS)	reduction for local authorities, civil protection commissioners and Aarhus Centres	protection commissioners and Aarhus Centres in the field of DRR.			on flood risk awareness and DRR for local authorities and CSOs from more than 12 municipalities across Serbia prone to flooding. Participants (in total 90) comprised representatives of local authorities responsible for water and emergency management, urban planning and inspectorate, civil protection commissioners and Aarhus Centres. The workshops addressed the challenges of torrential floods and the role of local authorities in developing effective risk, preparedness and response mechanisms with stronger community engagement that would ultimately contribute to the establishment of a society resilient to floods.		III.5
OSCE Mission to Serbia (OMIS)	Support to programmatic activities of Aarhus Centre Kragujevac, Aarhus Centre Novi Sad and Aarhus Centre Subotica	To enhance and promote inclusive environmental partnerships.	Serbia	March-September 2015	The OSCE Mission to Serbia supported the organization of a roundtable marking the fifth anniversary of the Aarhus Centre Kragujevac. In the course of the roundtable, models of sustainable environmental partnerships were presented, as well as the provisions of the Aarhus Convention and relevant national legislation providing for public participation in environmental governance. The event gathered around 70 representatives of environmental councils established in municipalities across Serbia, local and district authorities, responsible Ministry, Aarhus Centres, environmental CSOs, media and business sector that discussed current environmental concerns and modalities of their cooperation. The Mission also supported the Aarhus Centres Subotica and Novi Sad in organizing four roundtables aimed at promoting inclusive dialogue on improved waste management practices in Vojvodina. The roundtables gathered more than 140 representatives of state, provincial and local authorities, public utility companies,	OSCE Mission to Serbia	Objectives I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9

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					regional landfills, collectors and small-scale recyclers, interested citizens and civil society organizations. The goal of the roundtables was to facilitate inclusive dialogue, identify effective long-term solutions for enhancing waste management practices and discuss recommendations for improving the waste management system in Vojvodina, through the engagement of a number of different stakeholders.		
OSCE Mission to Serbia (OMIS)	Support to the participation of Aarhus Centre Managers in the Annual Meeting of the Aarhus Centres in Vienna	To enhance the capacities of Aarhus Centres, facilitate regional cooperation and networking.	Serbia	June 2015	A two-day meeting organized by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities brought together Aarhus Centres from 14 countries to discuss environmental challenges and opportunities for co-operation. Aarhus Centre Managers and Aarhus Convention National Focal Points together with representatives of international and regional organizations and OSCE Field Operations discussed the contribution of Aarhus Centres to environmental democracy, transparency and accountability. The meeting featured the signing of a Joint Declaration for co-operation among the Aarhus Centres in the South-Eastern European region (Aarhus Centres in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia). In the Joint Declaration, the representatives of Aarhus Centres of South-Eastern Europe declared their commitment to strengthen regional partnership and co-operation in South-Eastern Europe in order to strengthen the promotion and implementation of the Aarhus Convention provisions, facilitate a dialogue across borders between authorities and civil society and more effectively address common environmental concerns.	OSCE Mission to Serbia	General Objectives II.4, II.5, III.2 and III.6

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OSCE Mission to Serbia (OMIS)	Developing a curriculum and conducting an on-line training on environmental legislation and good environmental governance for local authorities	To enhance the competencies of local administration staff to enforce environmental legislation and apply principles of inclusive environmental governance at local level.	Serbia	July-December 2016	In partnership with the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities (SCTM), the Mission developed a tailored on-line capacity building training course for local authorities responsible for addressing environmental concerns. Selected topics that the course covered included: appropriate horizontal and sectorial legislation pertaining to environmental protection, EU environmental acquis, compliance with and enforcement of environmental laws at local level, obstacles in its implementation, emergency management and disaster risk reduction, relevant national strategies and international treaties with a focus on Aarhus Convention and its implementation at national and international level, models of public participation in environmental decision-making, gender mainstreaming in environmental governance etc. The e-learning course on environmental legislation and good environmental governance that lasted for seven weeks was implemented in the period from 10 October till 29 November 2016 and successfully attended by 129 local professionals. This on-line training course has become an integral part of the existing e-learning Platform of the SCTM Training Centre.	OSCE Mission to Serbia	General, Education Objectives I.6, I.7, I.11, III.4 and III.5
OSCE Mission to Serbia (OMIS)	Support to programmatic activities of Aarhus Centre Subotica	To improve dialogue between citizens and decision-makers at all levels and enhance access to environmental information.	Serbia	March-December 2016	The OSCE Mission to Serbia supported the Aarhus Centre Subotica in organizing two seminars aimed at resolving local environmental concerns in Subotica and enhancing implementation of the Aarhus Convention in North Bačka district. The seminars gathered in total 50 representatives of local and provincial authorities, local communities, environmental inspection, communal police, business operators, civil society and the media who discussed amendments to waste management law and	OSCE Mission to Serbia	General, Aarhus Centres Objectives I.5, I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9, I.10 and I.11

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					issues related to the regional landfill. In order to enhance citizens' access to data related to the state of the environment, the OSCE Mission to Serbia supported design and printing of two issues of the environmental bulletin "Horizons" created by the Aarhus Centre Subotica, covered the costs of design for the publication "State of the Environment in Subotica in 2015" and the production of a 15-minute documentary with the same title portraying the quality of the environment in Subotica. The publications and the documentary reflect the efforts of key stakeholders to improve environmental quality in Subotica and contributed to greater accessibility and transparency of environmental information.		
OSCE Mission to Serbia (OMIS)	Supporting the Aarhus Centre Kragujevac in promoting sustainable development and good environmental practices	To foster co-operation among authorities and civil society to address environmental security needs.	Serbia	October-December 2016	The Aarhus Centre Kragujevac conducted a comprehensive outreach campaign aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of circular economy, sustainable development and new legislation on waste management among relevant stakeholders in six districts in Central and Western Serbia. During the campaign two round tables, six public promotional events, a study visit to two leading waste management companies in Central Serbia and a concluding conference in Kragujevac were organised. The beneficiaries of the campaign included more than 500 representatives of local authorities, regional chambers of commerce, business operators, public utility companies, relevant bodies, educational institutions, students, CSOs, interested public and the media. A promotional leaflet on the benefits of circular economy and relevant best practice examples in Serbia was developed and distributed to participants of the organized events.	OSCE Mission to Serbia	Public participation Objectives I.5, I.6, I.8, I.9

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OSCE Mission to Serbia (OMIS)	Promoting inclusive environmental governance in the City of Belgrade between local authorities and Aarhus Centre Novi Beograd	To foster co-operation among authorities and civil society to address environmental security needs and enhance access to environmental information in Belgrade.	Serbia	April-May 2016	Aarhus Centre Novi Beograd organized a round table discussion to address challenges and opportunities for including diverse stakeholders in strengthening the enforcement of international standards in environmental management in Belgrade. Particular emphasis was placed on ways to practice rights granted by the Aarhus Convention among participants that included over 35 representatives of state institutions, local authorities, Chamber of Commerce, academia, environmental CSOs, journalists and local communities living in areas with pronounced environmental challenges. Environmental experts, academics and representatives from the relevant Ministry delivered presentations on new environmental legislation, requirements of the EU environmental acquis and engaged in discussions on ways to remove obstacles to advancing local environmental security through stronger stakeholder engagement. The OSCE Mission to Serbia also supported the organization of a capacity building workshop for the Aarhus Centre Novi Beograd staff that took place in a special natural reserve. The workshop was attended by 25 environmental activists. Some of the topics that the workshop covered included the Aarhus Convention, work of Aarhus Centres, basic principles and system of environmental protection in Serbia, etc. The Mission also supported development of the Aarhus Centre Novi Beograd website.	OSCE Mission to Serbia	Access to information Public participation Objectives I.5, I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9 and I.11

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OSCE Mission to Serbia (OMIS)	Improving communication on disaster risk reduction for effective responses among targeted local communities	To improve environmental security by establishing partnerships between civil society and water authorities to better prepare and respond to natural disaster caused by floods.	Serbia	February-June 2016	The project was implemented by the Aarhus Centre Novi Sad and aimed at improving communication and cooperation between the Sector for Emergency Management, local authorities and affected community members by developing a Communication and Cooperation Plan for preparedness, prevention and response during emergency situations. This Plan serves as a communication instrument and specifies activities and tasks of the network for disaster risk reduction in Novi Sad, in support of strengthening the resilience of affected communities to natural disasters. Promotional activities were supported by developing leaflets and brochures containing information on improving disaster risk reduction communication for local authorities, through an inclusive process. Direct beneficiaries of the project included local authorities, representatives of relevant institutions, civil society organisations, business operators and media from 4 flood prone municipalities.	OSCE Mission to Serbia	Public participation Objectives I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9, I.10, I.11, III.5 and III.6
OSCE Office in Tajikistan	Supporting Aarhus Centres	To further support the work of Aarhus Centres on key environmental issues in specific regions of Tajikistan (Dushanbe, Tursunzoda, Khujand, Kurgan-Tyube, Garm, Kumsangir and Khorog).	Tajikistan	2015-2017	Khorog Aarhus Centre proceeds with the activities on strengthening cooperation on environmental issues with Afghanistan, while Garm, Kumsangir and Kurgan-Tyube Aarhus Centers' activities focus on disaster risk reduction, climate change and land degradation. Dushanbe and Tursunzoda Aarhus Centres organise workshops and trainings for government officials and civil society on the three pillars of the Aarhus Convention with special focus on the second and third pillars. In addition, the Aarhus Centres continue to function as a venue or platform for public participation and consultation initiated by the government on environmental issues.	OSCE Office in Tajikistan	General, Aarhus Centres Objectives I.4, I.7, I.6, I.13, III. 2 and III.4

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OSCE Centre in Ashgabat	Support for Aarhus Centre/Public Environmental Information Centres in Turkmenistan	To expand the work of the Aarhus Centre on priority environmental issues with security implications.	Turkmenistan	July 2012-December 2016	During the lifespan of the project, the Aarhus Centre of Turkmenistan served as a platform for interaction and accelerating the contacts between government institutions and the public at large, as well as for discussing specific environmental issues, ways and methods of strengthening good governance principles to promote sustainable ecological security in the country. It also provided free access to reliable and up-to-date information on environmental matters and organized meetings and discussions for representatives of government agencies and the general public. Informational materials such as the “Collection of the Nature Conservation and Nature Management Legislative Acts of Turkmenistan”, with expert comments are published. It also provided assistance in improving the legal and regulative frameworks for nature conservation and nature management. In addition, the Aarhus Centre helped with data collection and analysis for the required country reporting on Turkmenistan’s implementation of the Aarhus Convention. In addition, in 2015–2016 4 Public Environmental Information Centres were launched and supported to promote environmental awareness raising all over the country.	OSCE Centre in Ashgabat	General, Aarhus Centres Objectives I.8, II.2, II.5, III.3 and III.6
REC	Building Bridges between Regions on implementation of Principle 10 of Rio Declaration http://building-bridges.rec.org/BuildingBridgesII.html	Provides support to the negotiation process on a regional LAC instrument on Principle 10; empowers stakeholders by building their capacities for better engagement in the LAC Principle 10 process, including governmental and CSO networks, the UN ECLAC and other actors	Region of Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean (ECLAC)	2014-2015	Facilitated cooperation and interregional experience sharing between UN ECLAC and UNECE stakeholders on Principle 10 and the Aarhus Convention;	The Netherlands	General Goal II: Objectives II.3, II.4 and II.5

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REC	“Building bridges between regions — Interregional cooperation on the implementation of Principle 10 of Rio Declaration and Article 6 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in the Caribbean region http://building-bridges.rec.org/BuildingBridgesIII.html	supports the negotiation process for a regional LAC instrument on Principle 10; empowers stakeholders to engage in the LAC P10 process; and promotes access rights within Principle 10 and Article 6 of the UNFCCC	Region of Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean (ECLAC)	August 2016- August 2017	facilitated cooperation and the sharing of experience between UN ECLAC and UNECE stakeholders on Principle 10 and the Aarhus Convention;	Italy	General Goal II: Objectives II.3, II.4 and II.5
REC	Better Access to Justice in Western Balkan Countries http://aarhus.rec.org/better_a2j.html	The overall project goal is to provide targeted support to selected Aarhus Convention parties and stakeholders in the SEE region to further reduce the major gaps regarding access to justice under the convention.	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia	September 2016 to August 2018	The project will increase the knowledge and awareness of judges, legal professionals and CSOs on access to justice in environmental matters, and will enable CSOs to gain and use skills to enforce their rights.	Germany	Access to Justice Objectives I, 5, I.6, I.10, I.11, I.12, I.13, I.14 and III.6
REC	Support Establishment and Advancement of Pollutant Release	The project helps partner countries to initiate discussions on PRTR development process, put in place operational PRTR and improve the	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former	2015-2017	Transparent decision-making on PRTR development and operation and effective involvement of NGOs and stakeholders;	Germany	Access to Information, PRTRs Objectives

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	and Transfer Registers (PRTRs) in Western Balkan Countries and in the Republic of Moldova, http://aarhus.rec.org/prtr/	efficiency of already existing PRTRs.	Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Montene gro, Kosovo under the United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and the Republic of Moldovoa		Increased awareness and better understanding of PRTR reporting obligations procedures and practices by authorities, operators and NGOs; Efficient operation of PRTR systems and launch of regular online PRTR reporting in Albania, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Achieved progress in PRTR development in the Republic of Moldova, including legal and institutional set up.		I.8, II.2, II.5 and III.2
REC	Supporting Environmental Civil Society in Belarus and the Republic of Moldova” (SECTOR), http://sector.rec.org	To support the organisational development of civil society organizations (CSOs), building their capacity to achieve long-term environmental impacts and sustainability To enable CSOs to be more actively involved in a dialogue with the society and decision making on environmental and sustainable development issues. To help CSOs to promote sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles at and to strengthen CSO capacities and networking, as well as CSO interaction with governments and	Belarus and Republic of Moldova	2011–2015	Through 5-days master class trainings held in the Republic of Moldova from 8 to 12 April 2103 and in Belarus from 3 to 7 July 2013, 25 and 26 CSOs participants respectively were enabled to play their role in the community and cooperate as partners with the authorities and different actors. The project outcomes aims to achieve environmental improvements, promote sustainable development, to allow CSOs to be more actively involved in a dialogue, participate in decision making on environmental and sustainable development issues and contribute to the solution of environmental problems. CSOs will apply practical and participatory approaches and instruments related to all three pillars of the Convention on access to	Government of Sweden	General Objectives I.6, I.12, I.13

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		businesses at different levels.			information, public participation and access to justice.		
REC	Local Initiatives for a Sustainable Ukraine (LINK) http://link-ukraine.rec.org/	<p>The project brings together policy makers, businesses and civil society to enable positive change in Ukraine to:</p> <p>To improve local management and planning on energy and sustainable development issues.</p> <p>To improve public participation and promote transparency in decision making on energy planning and sustainable development issues.</p> <p>To raise awareness, improve understanding and enhance the acceptance of environmentally sound solutions to energy-related problems.</p>	Ukraine	April 2016-March 2018	<p>Local governments will place sustainable development and energy security high on their agendas.</p> <p>They will recognise the importance of involving stakeholders and civil society in decision making; and engage stakeholders and the public in a participatory process that will result in local policies that correspond to community needs</p>	Norway	Public participation Objectives I.6, I.7, I.8, I.9, I.10, I.11, III.5 and III.6
REC, ECE, OSCE	Strengthening access to justice in environmental matters in South-Eastern Europe.	The objective of the project is to analyse the implementation of article 9 of the Convention in South-Eastern Europe and to identify any impediments encountered in meeting the requirements related to access to justice with focus on standing, costs and remedies. It also aims to provide recommendations on how such impediments may be	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo under United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), Montenegro,	2013–2016	<p>This project is implemented through the national studies and a regional study on the key issues of access to justice as well as broad discussion on findings.</p> <p>National studies were prepared by national experts on the basis of the distributed questionnaire in English and then translated into national languages.</p> <p>The national focal points of the Convention in the respective countries of South-Eastern</p>	ENVSEC (Government of Austria)	Access to Justice Objectives I, 5, I.6, I.10, I.11, I.12, I.13, I.14 and III.6

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		overcome. The project contributes to improving governance and environmental protection in the selected countries.	Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		<p>Europe in cooperation with the experts and with the support of REC and OSCE organized consultations on the national studies involving the ministry responsible for justice affairs, the highest courts, bar associations, environmental non-governmental organizations and other interested stakeholders.</p> <p>The studies were amended to reflect the comments of the stakeholders.</p> <p>A draft analytical summary with the preliminary findings and conclusions was prepared, discussed at the expert meeting and presented at the seventh meeting of the Task Force on Access to Justice serviced by ECE (Geneva, 24-25 February 2014). The study was highlighted at the further meetings of the Task Force.</p> <p>The study will serve as a background material and training material for multi-stakeholder dialogue at national level and subregional levels and will facilitate future capacity-building activities in the subregion.</p>		
UNITAR	Global Project on the implementation of PRTRs as a tool for POPs reporting, dissemination and awareness raising	To improve access and accuracy of environmental data on POPs and other priority chemicals in 6 countries, and to enhance awareness and public participation on environmental matters, through implementation of fully operational national PRTRs.	Cambodia, Republic of Moldova Belarus Kazakhstan, Ecuador, Peru	December 2015 – December 2018	<p>The scope of the project will be reached with the following outcomes:</p> <p>(a) Countries will update or develop National PRTR Executive Proposal that will be used as guideline for the implementation of PRTRs and the development of country-specific PRTR legal instruments.</p> <p>(b) Capacity building activities for collecting and using PRTR data in each country, will</p>	GEF, UNEP	Access to Information, PRTRs Objectives I.8, II.2, II.5 and III.2

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					<p>boost public knowledge of environmental issues and using PRTRs as a basis for the development of Stockholm Convention national reports.</p> <p>(c) Standardization and comparison of PRTR data. This exercise aims to facilitate the PRTR reporting and improves the quality of data collected.</p> <p>(d) Improved public access to PRTR data and dissemination of information allows full participation of key stakeholders. National strategies on public access to information and PRTR data will be developed by the participating countries.</p> <p>(e) Key lessons learned on PRTR development, improving access to information, and using PRTRs as POPs reporting tools disseminated among national stakeholders, and widely among parties to the Stockholm Convention.</p>		
UNITAR	Strengthening Capacities for Developing a National PRTR and Supporting SAICM Implementation in Panama		Panama	2010 – 2017	<p>Expected outcomes include the following:</p> <p>(a) PRTR Infrastructure Assessment;</p> <p>(b) PRTR Key Features Document;</p> <p>(c) PRTR Pilot trial;</p> <p>(d) Final proposal on a national PRTR.</p>	SAICM QSPTF	Access to Information, PRTRs Objectives I.8, II.2, II.5 and III.2
UNITAR	Strengthening Capacities for Designing a National PRTR and Supporting SAICM		Azerbaijan	2010-2017	<p>Expected outcomes include the following:</p> <p>(a) PRTR Infrastructure Assessment;</p> <p>(b) PRTR Key Features Document;</p>	SAICM QSPTF	Access to Information, PRTRs Objectives I.8, II.2 and III.2

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	Implementation in Azerbaijan				(c) PRTR Pilot trial; (d) Final proposal on a national PRTR.		
UNITAR	Strengthening Capacities for Rights-based, Transparent and Accountable Environmental Governance	Global inter-agency programme with UNDP and UNEP to enhance the implementation of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration, SDG 16 targets on access rights and information and participation provisions of multilateral environmental agreements		2017-2020	Expected outcomes include the following: a) Identification of national priorities actions to implement Principle 10 b) Legislative reform and institutional capacity to implement Principle 10; information and participation provisions of MEAs; SDG16 c) Empowerment of major groups and stakeholders to engage in Principle 10 discussions and implementation d) Enhanced knowledge and skills of key change agents (parliaments, line ministries, and the judiciary) to advance reform; e) Multistakeholders processes to enable national partners/civil society organizations to voice their priorities for access rights implementation. Expected outcomes include the following: a) 2 workshops organised b) 50 stakeholders trained	At the fundraising stage	Access to Information Public participation Objectives II.3, II.4, II.5, II.6
OECD	Element of a PRTR http://www.oecd.org/env/prtr	To provide guidance on common or minimum sets of PRTR components (e.g. reporting units, reporting sectors, chemicals, activity thresholds, reporting periods) in order to enhance data comparability across different	All PRTRs	2010–2016	Information on elements of a PRTR that should be included in the design of a PRTR for national governments that are establishing a new PRTR or revising an existing PRTR.	OECD	Access to Information, PRTRs Objectives I.8, II.2 and III.2

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OECD	Revision of Resource Compendium of PRTR Release Estimation Techniques	To provide guidance on release estimation techniques for calculating emissions of pollutants for PRTRs. http://www.oecd.org/env/prtr	All PRTRs	2011 - 2017	Summary of techniques for estimating 1) releases from point sources; 2) releases from diffuse source; 3) quantities transferred, released or disposed, and 4) releases from products.	OECD	Access to Information, PRTRs Objectives I.8, II.2 and III.2
EEA	ENI SEIS II EAST	Support the promotion of environmental protection by strengthening environmental governance. The main objective of the project is to continue to implement the principles and practices of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS). The project builds on previous cooperative activities in the six Eastern Partnership countries, carried out under the ENPI SEIS project (2010-2015).	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine	2016 - 2020	The ENI SEIS II East project is in its second year with focus on activities needed to advance the implementation of the national and regional plans. Following the 1st Steering Committee in November 2016, a regional meeting on the implementation of the ENI SEIS II East work plan activities took place on 30 May – 1 June 2017 in Copenhagen back-to-back with the NFP/Eionet meeting. The objective of the meeting was to do a mid-year review, assess the progress by the partner countries and needs for capacity building support as well as to agree on the next steps. In terms of advancement, three countries have put in place the National Implementation Team (Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, and Azerbaijan); process for appointment of National SEIS assistants has been initiated to support the project execution at country level; preparation of regional level activities in the areas of water and biodiversity has been taken forward with the support from the European Topic Centres. Project's activities and latest issue of the newsletter (to be issued at end of July 2017)	EEU Commission's Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and External Relations (DG NEAR) under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI).	Strategic Information Objectives I.1, II.7, III.10 and III.3 Strategic Goal III: Objective III.3

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					can be found at the project website: http://eni-seis.eionet.europa.eu/east		
EC, EEA	European PRTR as priority data flow aims at including data from candidate and potential candidate countries to E-PRTR http://prtr.ec.europa.eu/ http://www.eionet.europa.eu/dataflows/	Include PRTR data into the so-called "Priority data flow" with the objective to provide support for countries when they are putting procedures in place for regular reporting of environmental data.	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey	2010–	2011: PRTR data of Serbia, validated and published on the European PRTR website. 2012–2013: the main focus will be on Croatia, Albania, Turkey and Israel.	EC, EEA	Access to Information, PRTRs Objectives I.8, II.2, II.5 and III.2
EC	TAIEX and Twinning projects http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/taieux/index_en.htm	TAIEX is an instrument for capacity-building that supports countries with regard to the approximation, application and enforcement of EU legislation. The Twinning programme pairs administrations and semi-public organizations in beneficiary countries with their counterparts in EU member States in order to facilitate the transposition, enforcement and implementation	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Kosovo under the United	2007–	The EU Enlargement Directorate General, jointly with the Ministry of Environment of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, organized a seminar on European PRTR (Skopje, 15 April 2008). It also jointly organized workshops on European PRTR with the Croatian Environmental Agency (Zagreb, 7 July 2007 and 15 September 2010). The Directorate General also jointly organized with the Ministry of Environmental of Israel a workshop on European PRTR (Tel Aviv, 22	EC	Access to Information, PRTRs Objectives I.8, II.2, and III.2

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		of EU legislation.	Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia		November 2010).		