

***Report from 11th Meeting of the
Task Force on Access to Justice
in Geneva, 27-28 February 2018***

**Report to the 22nd Meeting of the Working
Group of the Parties to the Aarhus
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Task Force on Access to Justice in 2008-2011, 2011-2014, 2014-2017

- **Studies on standing for individuals and groups, remedies and damages, costs, scope of review...**
- **Outreach activities in cooperation with partner organisations...**
- **Case-law data base...**
- **Meetings of the Task Force, back-to-back seminars with judges...**



The Mandate 2017 - 2021

Exchange information about the main barriers to A2J, focusing on:

- **Information cases...**
- **Acts/omissions that contravene permit requirements...**
- **Protection of whistle-blowers...**
- **Financial barriers, standing, scope...**



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- **Side-event with members of the judiciary; EUFJE, AEAJ, judges from SEE and EECCA regions...**
- **Thematic focus on A2J in information cases; European Ombudsman, Commissioner for EI in Ireland, EIB, members of judiciary, delegates, ENGOs, judges - discussion...**
- **Recent and upcoming developments; standing and non-discrimination, scope of review, effectiveness (EC, UNHRC, etc)...**



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- **Tools to promote effective A2J; capacity-building, monitoring and evaluating, promoting e-justice (CC & SC, UNEP, REC, J&E, etc)...**
- **Prioritization of work for 2018-2021 (meetings in 2019 and 2021, thematic session on WGP24 in 2020):**
 - ✿ **Event: Judicial Colloquium...**
 - ✿ **2019: thematic focus on acts and omissions contravening permit requirements, focusing on air quality (installations, infrastructure)...**
 - ✿ **2019: Outcomes of study on A2J in information cases...**



A2J in Information Cases (Art 9(1) AC)

- **Selection of Parties; EU, Germany, Ireland, Malta, Sweden, Portugal, Switzerland, Serbia, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Georgia, Kazakhstan**
- **(Very) simple questionnaire...**
- **Individual approach to administration, ENGOs, other stakeholders...**



....and finally...

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING..!



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