

# Environmental democracy & sustainable spatial planning

Side event of non-governmental organizations at  
**MOP7 of the Aarhus Convention – Geneva**

**12 October 2021, 15:00–17:00 CEST (online)**

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The ongoing process of urbanization is significant in most of the cities of the UNECE region. Therefore, quality of life in urban areas and sustainability of spatial planning become crucial. The conflict between private and public interests is typical especially for bigger cities – in the core of these conflicts stand the protection of the environment or housing affordability. The side event gathers both activists and experts from various countries and cities to share their experiences.

## Agenda:

**INTRODUCTORY WORD:** The contradiction at the heart of urban planning: Participation in the production of space  
/ Mark Gottdiener, Professor at Buffalo University, USA

### Panel 1: Experience of the public

**CZECH REPUBLIC:** Bright prospects? Participatory planning and large developments in Prague / Michal Lehečka, AutoMat

**SERBIA:** The democratization of urban planning in Belgrade  
/ Iva Čukić, Ministarstvo Prostoru

**UKRAINE:** How Kyiv community fights for green zones and access to water  
/ Yegor Firsov, Office for the Environment

### Panel 2: Regional cooperation

Participative approach for recovering and reusing vacant or underused urban spaces / Jorge Mosquera, AGORA

gE.CO Living Lab: Creating tools for generating the commons / Yilmaz Vurucu, Eutropian

## Discussion

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