

# Experience in promoting specialization of public interest lawyers

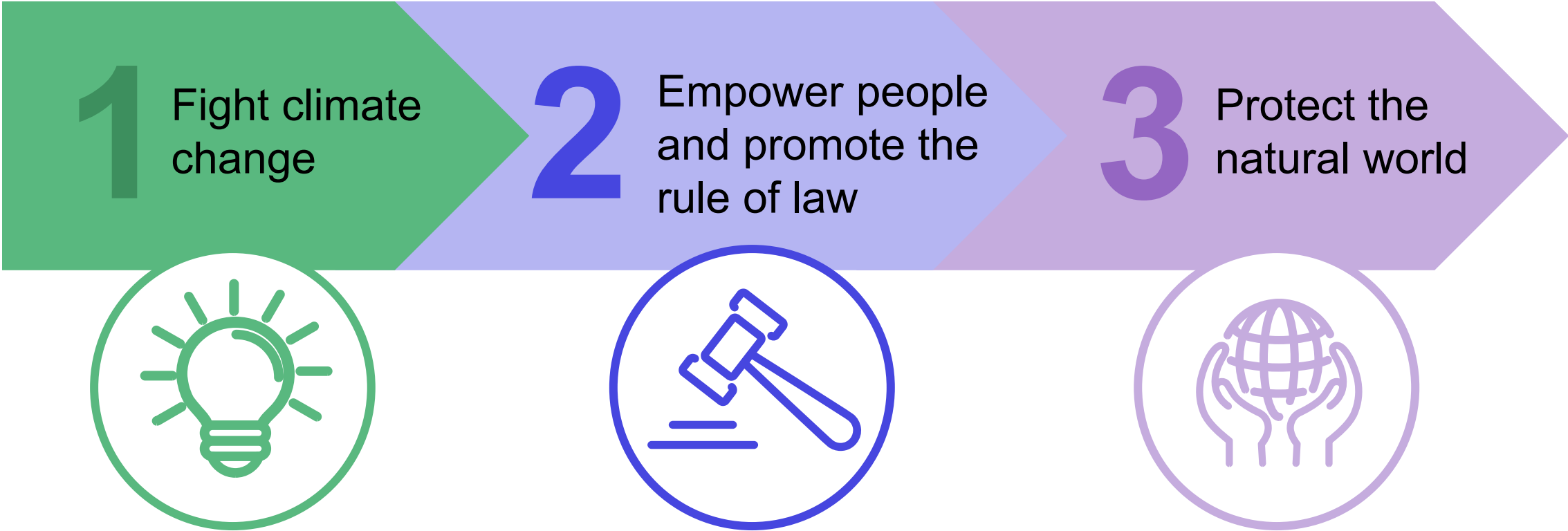
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# We use the law to:



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LIFE project on Access to Justice  
for a Greener Europe

Education and Awareness Raising  
of Legal Professionals on Access  
to Justice



Managed by ClientEarth and  
Justice & Environment



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- targets legal professionals of the following MS: Austria, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Spain
- different activities implemented in 9 countries of the EU (+ Belgium)



# 3-year project started in July 2017

- A monthly newsletter about the latest updates in A2J
- A guide on access to Justice EU procedural rules and case law and the Aarhus Convention equivalents
- National toolkits on access to justice in 8 Member States
- A digital information platform with an “ask a lawyer function”
- **A public-interest lawyer database regrouping lawyers active in the field of environmental law**
- A series of webinars and trainings held in different locations in eight member states
- An EU wide conference held in Brussels



- Monthly newsletter reached more than 700 subscribers by the end of the project: clicks on links were much higher than the typical industry average.
- English version of the guide was printed and distributed to 100 stakeholders, while 1759 stakeholders downloaded either the English or the Polish version.
- 2090 people attended these capacity-building events. 635 people watched recordings of the webinars.
- the international conference in Brussels was attended by 285 participants
- **Leyman's report**

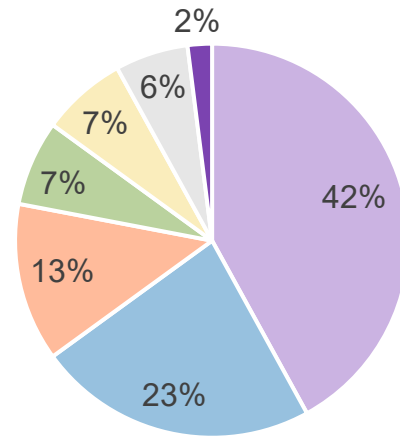


# **impact of the project on the public interest lawyers**

- **increased knowledge and awareness about access to justice and the Aarhus Convention,**
- **dialogue and cooperation among the target group members** (vide: trainings; database; interactive platform)
- **attitude change among the target group**



# The share of people among major groups at the Polish national trainings



- Members of the Judiciary, court advisors, judicial administration organizations
- NGOs
- Public authorities
- **(Public interest) lawyers, attorneys**
- Academics, experts
- Others inter alia journalists, members of political party
- Students





# Learning points



Trainings for the lawyers



No judges among the speakers



Database should be included at the website of the Regional Bar Associations



Bottom up movement to have the preliminary question referred to the CJEU



# Next steps



# Thank you

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