



**eJustice fact sheets
of the EU's Member States
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European Commission
Directorate General for Environment
Unit E.4 – Environmental Rule Of Law And Governance

The European Green Deal



(i) consider revising the Aarhus Regulation ...

(ii) The Commission will also take action to **'improve access to justice before national courts in all Member States'**.

Transparency and access to justice



- The Commission [calls](#) on Member States to step up implementation of applicable EU laws.
- **In support of the 4 priorities** identified including transposition, legislation and role of national judges:
- **Monitor the implementation** of EU law regarding access to justice in environmental matters.
- **To facilitate this, it will make information available online on the [Commission's eJustice-portal](#).**

What is the eJustice portal?



- ❑ The e-Justice portal was **launched in 2011** and it is managed by DG JUST.
- ❑ 2008: the Commission published a communication "**Towards a European e-Justice strategy**" (COM(2008)329).
- ❑ The JHA Council of November 2008 subsequently adopted a "**European e-Justice Action Plan**".
- ❑ "**one-stop (electronic) shop**" on EU justice and judicial procedures
- ❑ **Single entry point** for all justice related to questions and procedures on criminal, civil or administrative law.

Fact sheets on access to justice in environmental matters

- **Contract launched** in December 2019 – COWI and Justice and Environment
- Several steps of **quality checks** and expert inputs 2 rounds by
 - National contact points
 - DG ENV legal desks
 - Quality check by contractor



- 1 round of comments by **academic and judges expert group**.
- Delivered in 2 languages.
- **2021 end February: Conclusion**



Fact sheets available at:

https://e-justice.europa.eu/300/EN/access_to_justice_in_environmental_matters

What purpose will the eJustice fact sheets serve? (1)



‘Mirror, mirror on the wall who is the fairest one of all?’

[Source: Snow White](#) by the [Brothers Grimm](#), as adapted by Walt Disney.

What will the eJustice contract deliver on environmental matters? (2)

1 Member States' status of implementation of EU law (secondary and case-law) on access to justice in environmental matters.



2 Indicator framework, showing main systemic flaws.



What will the eJustice contract deliver on environmental matters? (3)



The Environmental Implementation Review

General Union Environment Action Programme to 2030



3 Input for the 8th Environment Action Programme and the Environmental Implementation Review



4 Information to the citizens.

Example: **citizen asking for information** on water quality and is rejected by an authority?

Access **information on remedies** available on the portal.

