Participatory Decisions on Environmental Matters

Public Activists - Government Negotiations

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The 10th meeting of the Aarhus Convention Task Force on Public Participation in Decision-making
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Basis for Public Participation

Aarhus Convention ratification by the RA
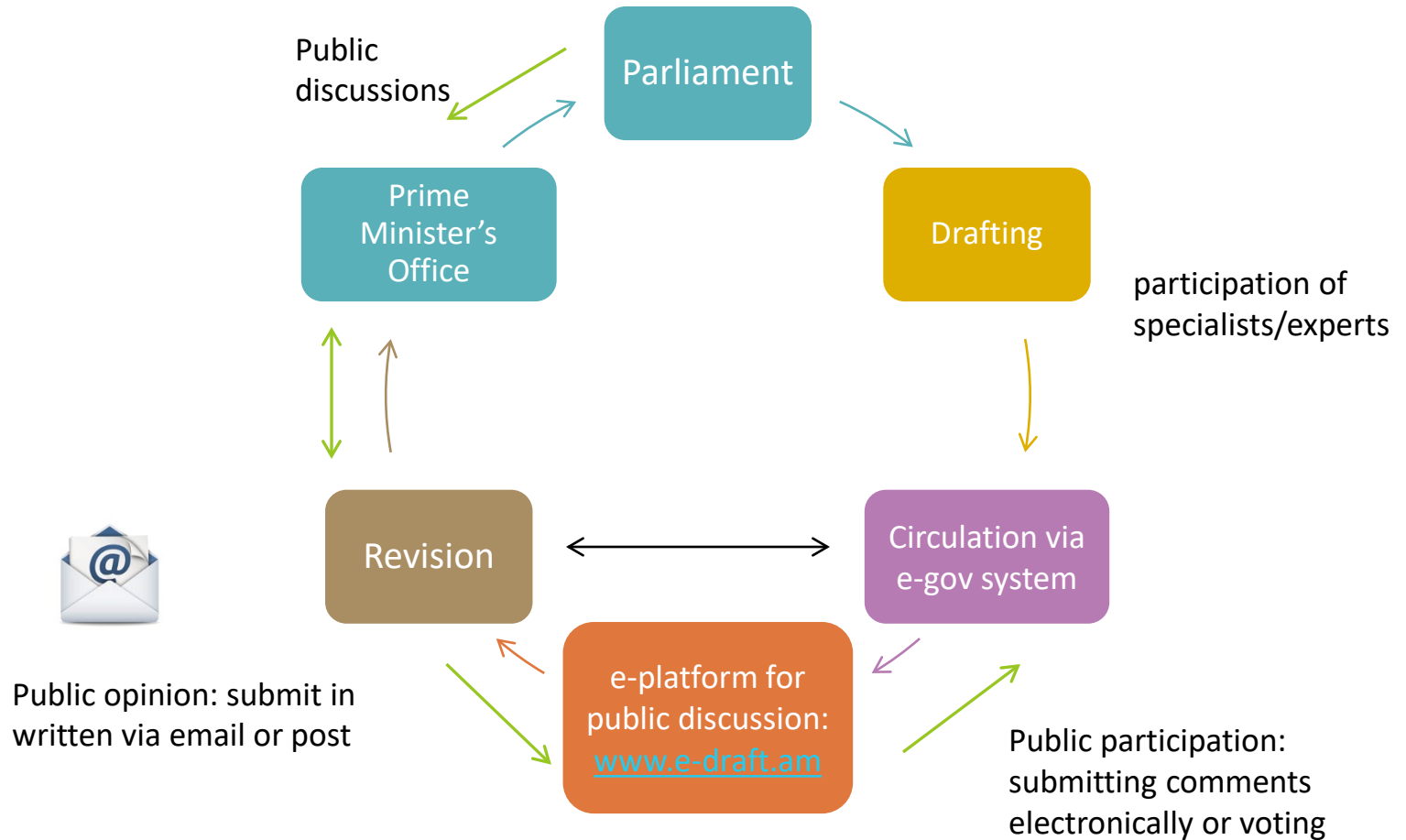
1st October 2001

Legal Compliance
Laws - Government decrees – Guidelines - Road map - Action Plan – Accountability

Establishment of "Aarhus" centers
Awareness Raising – Trainings - Capacity building - Experience Exchange – Discussions - …

The procedure of the adoption of legal acts

Examples how the Government of Armenia has taken into consideration the concerns of environmental activists and made changes into final decisions

Nature Protection Ministry reviewed the Decisions on establishing Gilan wildlife preserve in "Khosrov Forest" State Reserve

Public discussion at Yerevan Aarhus center

The pine grove (24 ha) was returned to the forest park

Protection of "Trchkan" waterfall
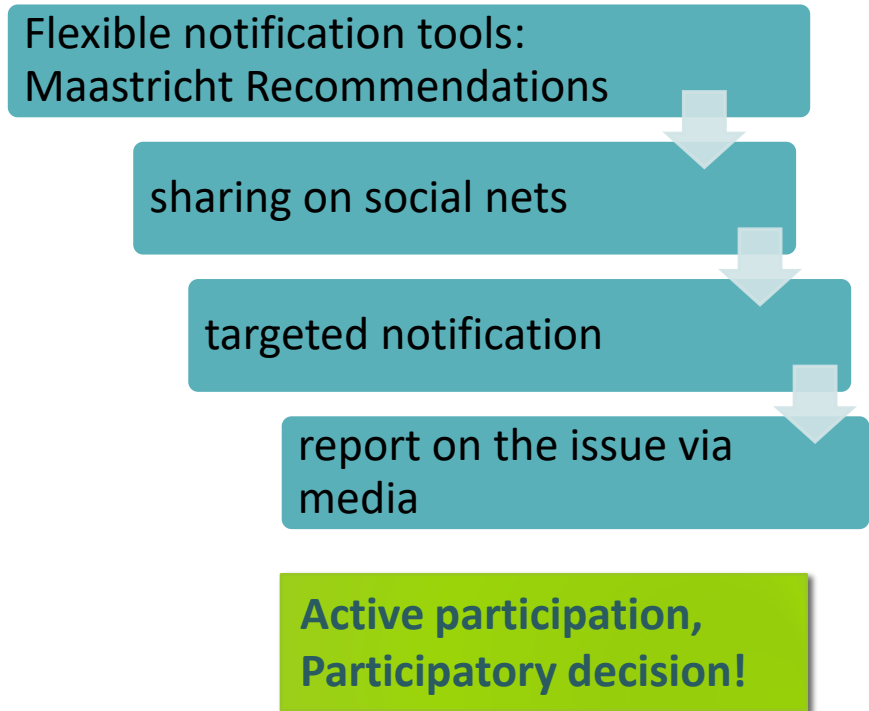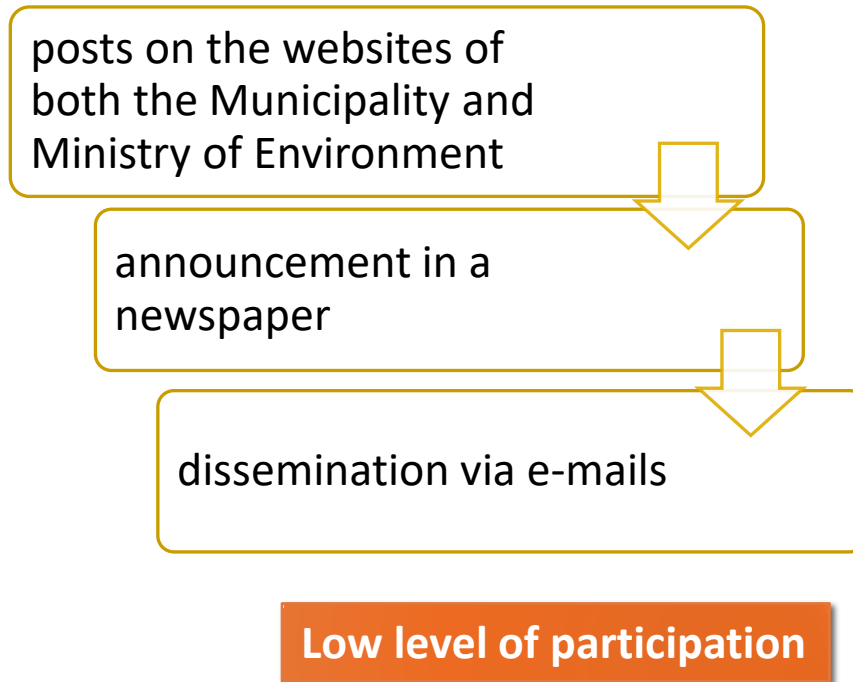## a natural hydrographic monument of Armenia since 2008

Photo by Vahag

A plan to build a metals smelter in Yerevan's Avan District

public notification and participation

posts on the websites of both the Municipality and Ministry of Environment

announcement in a newspaper

dissemination via e-mails

Low level of participation

Flexible notification tools: Maastricht Recommendations

sharing on social nets

targeted notification

report on the issue via media

Active participation, Participatory decision!

Due to Public Demand
the Ministry of Environment rejects the plan to
Build a Metals Smelter in Yerevan

various tools of public participation:

➢ participation in the public hearings

➢ opinion expression

➢ petition/ e-petition

➢ alternative views

Thank you for your kind attention!

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