



# WORKSHOP

## ADVANCING PUBLIC ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENT-RELATED PRODUCT INFORMATION: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

9 November 2023

Geneva | Palais des Nations | SALLE III

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

**Chair of the Workshop:** Ms. Iordanca-Rodica Iordanov, Chair of the Aarhus Convention Task Force on Access to Information

**THURSDAY, 9 November 2023**

**9:40 – 12:30 and 14:30 – 17:30**

#### I. INAUGURAL SESSION

##### Welcoming remarks:

Mr. Marco KEINER, Director, Environment Division, UNECE

Ms. Elisabeth TUERK, Director, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE

Mr. Jorge LAGUNA-CELIS, Director, One Planet Network, UNEP

#### II. LEGAL AND POLICY DEVELOPMENTS IN ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENT-RELATED PRODUCT INFORMATION

**9:40 – 11:15**

The session will focus on recent legal and policy developments in public access to environment-related product information that could advance the implementation of article 5, paras. 6 and 8, of the Aarhus Convention. The discussion aims to identify current trends, lessons learned and measures to improve access to such information.

##### Presenters:

Ms. Paola MIGLIORINI, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission (online)

Ms. Malgorzata STYLO, Associate Programme Officer, Chemicals and Health Branch, UNEP

Ms. Regina TAIMASOVA-BUMBACA, Advisor, Division of Inclusive and Sustainable Trade, International Trade Center

Ms. Margarida MARTINS, Associate Policy Officer, European Environmental Bureau and European ECO Forum

##### Discussion



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### III. PRODUCT PASSPORTS AND OTHER DIGITAL TOOLS TO ENHANCE TRANSPERANCY, TRACEABILITY AND MONITORING

The session will focus on product passports and other digital tools to enhance transparency, traceability and monitoring of product environmental performance. The discussion aims to share case studies and identify current trends, lessons learned and measures to promote such tools.

#### Presenters:

Mr. Ioannis BAKAS, Circular Economy Monitoring expert, European Environment Agency (online)

Ms. Azemine SHAKIRI, Head of Unit, Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, North Macedonia

Ms. Yevheniia POPOVYCH, Director, Department of Digital Transformation and Electronic Public Services, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources, Ukraine (online)

Mr. Frederik HAFEN, Senior Policy Officer, European Environmental Bureau and European ECO Forum

#### Discussion

11:15 – 12:30

12:30 – 14:30

### BREAK FOR LUNCH

### IV. MEANS TO ENCOURAGE OPERATORS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC

The session will focus on means to encourage operators to inform the public within the framework of eco-labelling, eco-auditing, environmental, social and governance solutions or by other means. The discussion aims to identify current trends, lessons learned and measures to support this work.

#### Presenters:

Ms. Maria-Teresa PISANI, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE

Mr. Rade OSTOJIC, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia

Ms. Tamar ALADASHVILI, Environmental Information and Education Center (Aarhus Centre), Georgia

Ms. Tamara MALKOVA, IGO “Green Dossier” and European ECO Forum

Ms. Kasiet MUSABAEVA, PA “Water partnership of Kyrgyzstan” and European ECO Forum

#### Discussion

14:30-16:00



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<p><b>16:00-17:20</b></p>	<p><b>V. GREEN CLAIMS AND MEASURES AGAINST GREENWASHING</b></p> <p>The session will focus on key policy and legal developments regarding green claims and measures against greenwashing. The discussion aims to identify current trends and lessons learned in relation to this subject.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <p>Ms. Laetitia MONTERO, Programme Officer, Consumption and Production Unit, Resources and Market Branch, UNEP (online)</p> <p>Ms. Ana CIPRIANO, Legal Officer, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD (online)</p> <p>Ms. Olivia CHASSOT, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, UNECE</p> <p>Ms. Jasmin GERBER, Scientific Collaborator, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland</p> <p>Ms. Margarida MARTINS, Associate Policy Officer, European Environmental Bureau and European ECO Forum</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>17:20 – 17:30</b></p>	<p><b>VI. CLOSING: KEY OUTCOMES AND NEXT STEPS</b></p> <p><b>Speaker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Iordanca-Rodica Iordanov, Chair of the Aarhus Convention Task Force on Access to Information</li> </ul>

## Further Information:

[https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/Aarhus\\_PP\\_8TFAI\\_API\\_workshop](https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/Aarhus_PP_8TFAI_API_workshop)

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