



Aarhus Centre Georgia

ორჯუსის ცენტრი საქართველოში

AARHUS CENTRES: A DECADE OF PARTNERSHIP IN IMPLEMENTING THE AARHUS CONVENTION

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Aarhus Centre Georgia

- Aarhus Centre Georgia was established in 2005



საქართველოს გარემოს
დაცვის სამინისტრო



- Since 1 June 2009 the Centre has been functioning as a project within the framework of an Environment and Security (ENVSEC) Initiative

Mission: Promote democratic values and good practices in the environmental field

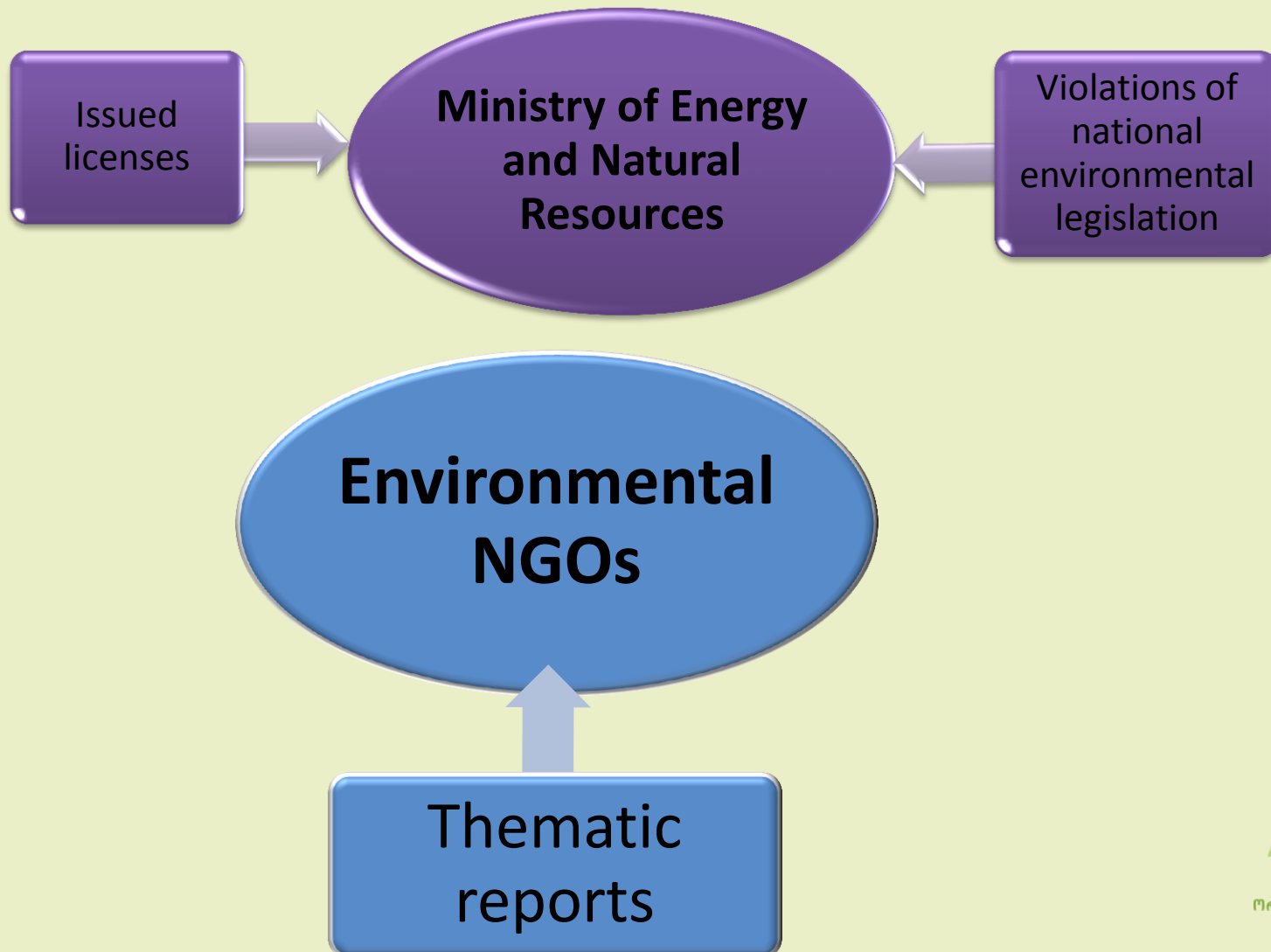
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- Databases of environmental organizations;
- Meta information
- Analytical reports and guidelines

The screenshot shows the website interface for Aarhus Centre Georgia. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, About Us, Services, For Kids, Education, Contact, and Useful Links. A search bar is located on the left side. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION' with a list of links, 'PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL DECISION-MAKING', 'ACCESS TO JUSTICE', 'AARHUS CONVENTION', 'CLEARINGHOUSE', and 'LIBRARY'. A central image depicts a child and an adult in a park. To the right, there are sections for 'QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS', 'PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS', and an 'ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR' for January 2012.

Website users:

- *General Public*
- *State Organizations*
- *NGOs*
- *Academic sector*
- *Business sector*
- *Students*
- *International organizations etc.*

Promoting Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making Processes

Through:

- Providing Environment Impact Permit related information:
Information on public hearings; EIA reports; Issued permits
Permit conditions; Information for investors
- Monitoring public participation in Environment Impact Assessment
Permitting and preparing analytical reports:

Observer Report - Barriers for Public Participation in Georgia; Observer Report - Surveillance of Implementation of Environmental Impact Permit Conditions in Georgia etc.

- Enhancing dialogue between the public and the state;
- Cooperating with the Parliament of Georgia

New Status of the Centre

Since May 2013 the project have been run under the Legal Entity of Public Law Environmental Information and Education Centre (EIEC) of the Ministry of Environment;

We strive to....

Be *the* Center that provides:

- Development of competences & knowledge and raising awareness;
- Access to knowledge and information concerning the environment;
- Access to justice and public participation in decision making.

to professionals, general public, staff of ministries, and other relevant target groups in cooperation with Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection and other partners.



Thank You

for Your Attention!