



Fostering Participation and Raising Awareness for Better Water Management: The role of Aarhus Centres

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Water is Life!

- Adequate water management is certainly something that demands consensus on a global level.
- Climate changes and the need for using hydro potential for electricity production are probably the greatest challenges we currently face with;
- That is why it is very important to enable all stakeholders to participate in the decision making processes since that will affect not only the present but also the future generations.



Role of Aarhus Centers Network

- The potential of Aarhus Centres network , which has an international and cross-sectoral character, should be used to enable and maintain timely dissemination of information, to increase participation and
- contribute to quality of public consultation and discussions, to be based on arguments so that final decisions are sustainable.

- An example of good practice is SEE Aarhus Centres Network, which consists of 13 Aarhus Centers from Montenegro, Serbia , Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania, established with OSCE Mission support.



Control role of Aarhus Centres Network – proactive approach

- To initiate public consultations on the state of water resources and plans for their valorization (energy structures);
- To conduct continuous monitoring (e.g. riverbed concessions, riverbeds channeling projects...)
- To carry out surveys among citizens on the state of water resources;
- To conduct continuous monitoring on the transparency of the relevant institutions



Control role of Aarhus Centres Network – proactive approach

- Initiate inspections;
- Monitor misdemeanor and criminal proceedings and inform the public about outcomes;
- To conduct continuous monitoring of operation of wastewater treatment plants;
- Initiate action of removing waste from riverbeds;



Aarhus Centers Initiative – proactive approach



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- It is of great importance besides pointing out on problems to improve inter-sectoral cooperation and trust.
- The use of modern technology and social networks is a good model for dissemination of information, public education and motivational campaigns;



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