

Aarhus Centres of the Republic of Belarus

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Aarhus Centre of the Republic of Belarus



A Brief History

Belarus ratified the Aarhus Convention on 14th December, 1999

by the Presidential Decree **№726**

" On approval of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters ".

The Convention entered into force on 30 October 2001.

In accordance with the Law

"On normative legal acts of the Republic of Belarus" Convention shall be considered as part of the legislation of the Republic of Belarus and its provisions are obligatory for all law enforcement agencies, officials and citizens.

Establishment of the Aarhus Centre of the Republic of Belarus

The Aarhus Centre of the Republic of Belarus was established on 30 December, 2005 under the joint project of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus and the OSCE Office in Minsk (in accordance with the order of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus of 30.12.2005 № 421). It was established to facilitate the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in the Republic of Belarus. The Aarhus Centre of the Republic of Belarus operates on the basis of RUE “Belarusian Research Centre “ Ecology “(organization is subordinated to the Ministry of Environment)

Provision of functioning

- Financial support from the state budget, premises and communication services are provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus

The main activities of the Aarhus Centre of the Republic of Belarus

- **receipt and consideration of appeals of citizens and organizations for the protection of the environment and natural resources;**
- **collection, accumulation, storage and dissemination of environmental information, i.d at the request of individuals and businesses, functioning of the mini-library;**
- **organization of consultations on issues of environmental legislation relating to the implementation of the Aarhus Convention, access and assistance in finding regulations relating to the environment;**
- **advising individuals and businesses on the application of their rights and responsibilities in the area of access to environmental information, public participation in decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters;**
- **organization and assisting in the conduction of meetings of the Public Coordination Environmental Council under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment;**

The main activities of the Aarhus Centre of the Republic of Belarus (Continuation)

- **organizing and holding public discussions on the draft regulations, the adoption of which could have an impact on the environment, the collection and compilation of proposals;**
- **conducting educational events (reports, lectures, presentations);**
- **working with the media, publications in the print media, radio messages, distribution of booklets of Aarhus Centre;**
- **participation in the events organized by public ecological organizations;**
- **participation in the events organized by the authorities, concerning the implementation of the Aarhus Convention;**
- **provide practical assistance to the authorities in the application of their obligations to implement the provisions of the Aarhus Convention;**
- **keeping up to date the list of public organizations and associations engaged in the field of environmental protection and rational use of natural resources**

The main activities of the Aarhus Centre of the Republic of Belarus (Continuation)

- **keeping up to date the website that highlights issues of implementation of the Aarhus Convention in the Republic of Belarus - aarhusbel.com;**
- **promotion of international cooperation in the implementation of the Aarhus Convention, the study of international experience;**
- **participation in the events organized by international organizations, and relevant to the implementation of the Aarhus Convention;**
- **assist in the implementation of international environmental agreements;**
- **work on the improvement of the national legislation to better comply with the provisions of the Aarhus Convention;**
- **participation in the creation and interaction with the first regional Hrodna Aarhus Centre (conduction of joint events, permanent consultation on legislation and practical issues, joint publications, etc.);**

The main activities of the Aarhus Centre of the Republic of Belarus (Continuation)

- **participation in activities of development of amendments to the national legislation to better comply with the provisions of the Aarhus Convention;**
- **participation in the activities of the project of development of National Register of Releases and Transfers of Pollutants;**
- **activities related to genetically modified organisms;**
- **assistance to organizations whose activities are related to the protection of the rights of homeless animals;**
- **project activity**

Participation in public discussions in the frame of assessment of the environmental impact of the proposed economic activity to expand the pig farm for 25 thousand heads with increment to 50 thousand heads per year (reproductive and fattening), and of the construction of factory farming for growing and fattening chicken broiler and associated facilities in Open JSC "Alexandria", Shklovsky district on village Staroselie"



Educational activities in Hrodna Regional Scientific and Technical Library



Further activities with the support of OSCE

Project: Strengthening the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Belarus

Planned activities:

- **Awareness-raising meetings;**
- **Update/upgrade the web-site of the Aarhus Centre, including database of environmental information;**
- **Preparation and publishing practical recommendations on the public participation;**
- **Free access to the environmental library, database of the legal code and assistance in inquiring environmental information;**
- **Meetings between business, NGOs and local authorities**

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AARHUS CENTRE Hrodna

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Hrodna Aarhus Centre was established under the joint project of the European Union and United Nations Development Programme «Support to the development of a comprehensive frame-work for international cooperation in the Republic of Belarus» with the support of Ministry of Environment.

The opening of Hrodna Aarhus Centre

- **Hrodna Aarhus Centre – the first regional Aarhus Centre in the Republic of Belarus – was opened on 16th November 2012 under the joint project of the European Union and United Nations Development Programme “Support to the development of a comprehensive framework for international cooperation in the Republic of Belarus” on the basis of Hrodna Regional Committee of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.**



Mission

The mission of Hrodna Aarhus Centre is to promote implementation of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) in Hrodna and Hrodna region

Main activities of Hrodna Aarhus Centre

- **consulting citizens and legal entities on environmental matters;**
- **legal support of the public concerned in decision-making on environmental matters;**
- **providing educational activities on access to environmental information, public participation in environmental decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters;**
- **environmental awareness;**
- **cooperation with state agencies and organizations;**
- **Interaction with the Aarhus Centre of the Republic of Belarus;**
- **providing environmental and legal literature from the library of Hrodna Aarhus Centre;**
- **interaction with the representatives of Hrodna Mass Media**

Cooperation with state agencies in Hrodna

- **Dissemination of information on the provisions of the Aarhus Convention.**
- **The joint conduction of activities for the dissemination of environmental information.**



Educational activities

- Trainings "Forms of access to environmental information" for Hrodna students (Yanka Kupala State University Hrodna, Hrodna State Agrarian University, "BIP - Institute of Law "



- For teachers of schools and gymnasiums in Hrodna



Educational activities (Continuation)

- **For Librarians**




- **For students of Cadet School in Grodno**



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About the Aarhus Convention

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→ Access to Justice in Environmental matters

Actual:

Activities of Hrodna Aarhus Centre

The Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registerd

Construction NPP

Environmental Impact Assessment

Mission and activities

The mission of the Aarhus Centre in Hrodna is to promote implementation of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention), in the city of Hrodna and Hrodna region.

Activities:

- assistance in providing access to information, public participation in decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters;
- establishment of relationship between the authorities and the public to access to information, public participation in decision-making and access to justice in environmental matters;
- environmental education and raising public's awareness of environmental protection and rational use of natural resources;
- study of international experience and international cooperation in the implementation of the Aarhus Convention.

News

11.01.2013
Training workshops on Access to Information
Hrodna Aarhus Centre is planning to conduct series of training workshops on Access to Environmental Information under the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention). Government officials, representatives of Hrodna enterprises, educational institutions and the public concerned are invited to participate in the activities.
More information about the subject and time of the training you can get in Hrodna Aarhus Centre: the coordinator of the Aarhus Centre - Ialanta Ramanovich: Hrodna, str. Sovetskaya, 23, office 33, Hrodna Aarhus Centre, tel. (0152) 74-05-70. [More](#)

12.11.2012
The first regional Aarhus Centre will be opened in Hrodna
The ceremony of official opening of the Aarhus Centre in Hrodna will be conducted on 16th of November, 2012. [More](#)

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Appeals of citizens and legal entities

Hrodna Aarhus Centre considers appeals on matters related to the environment, for example:

- **Assistance in clarification of legal acts;**
- **Promoting access to environmental information;**
- **Cutting trees in Hrodna;**
- **Emissions of the enterprises;**
- **Construction of the plants;**
- **Procedures for requesting environmental information;**
- **The environment of Hrodna and its region;**
- **The waste and incineration of waste**

The Library of Hrodna Aarhus Centre

- **The library fund is formed, it includes about 200 titles**
- **The electronic catalog is now being prepared, it will be available on the webpage of Hrodna Aarhus Centre**

Interaction with the Media

The information on the activities of Hrodna Aarhus Centre is disseminated to the media.

Environmental protection activities :

- **World Cleanup 2012. Let's do It! September 15, 2012**
- **Ecological actions, April - September 2012**



- **The action “Cleaning up separately!”, Mosty, April 22, 2013**
- **Cleaning action of the banks of the river Kotra, Hrodna region, June 5, 2013**



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