



Capacity building – a key factor of effectiveness of public participation

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Pp. as the best approximation to FG

- Who is aware of the real interests of FG?
- The thousand eyes and ears of the environmental authorities
- The practical experiences of the public interest law firm of EMLA and the FGO
- The NIMBY syndrome according to Philip Shabekoff, the quality of pp., responsible pp.



The Aarhus story

- Pp as a legal postmodern – a longstanding progressive development or just an episode?
- From Minister Vavrousek to Aarhus and Lucca – pp. in drafting, ambitious text, quick ratification, developing text, compliance committee, exhausting country reports
- The secret of Aa.: synthesis, system approach, with 3 pillars + capacity building

The system of CB in the Aarhus Convention

	Information	Organisational-procedural help	Prohibition of capacity destroying
General	Environmental, institutional, procedural (3.2, 3.3, 5.2a, 5.3a, 5.4,, 5.5a-c 5.7a,b, Prea.;	NGO friendly laws, state subsidies etc. (2.5, 3.4, 5.2.c)	No discrimination (3.9, Espoo 2.6)
Individual cases	Environmental, institutional, procedural (3.2, 3.3, 5.2a,b.i,ii, 6.2, 9.5)	e.g. standing for environmental NGOs (2.5, 4.8, 6.6, 9.1, 9.2, 9.4, 9.5)	No penalization harassment or prosecution for pp. (3.8)



CB in the work of FGOs

	Information	Organisational help	Prohibition of capacity destroying
General	Environmental, institutional, procedural leaflets	Lobbying for NGO friendly laws, state subsidies etc.	Fighting against discrimination, equitable client policy
Individual cases	Iterative procedures where all type of information are spread out	Involving environmental NGOs into the procedures	A protection against harassment or prosecution for pp.