Public awareness, access to information and public participation

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Romania
Main activities since 2010

- MoP 2 (2010, Bucharest, Romania): Area 7 of PoW 2011 – 2013, item IV. Reinforcing activities: to develop mechanism/manual/recommendations for involving the public in consultation and decision-making process under the Protocol
- Co-ordination by Romania and WECF
- Cooperation with the Aarhus Convention’s Task Force on Public Participation in Decision-Making
- Establishment of drafting group
- Development of the Guide on Public Participation
Main activities since 2010

• Joint workshop with the AC “PP in env’tal decision making: Focus on water and health” (Geneva, 6-7 June 2012)
• Two meetings of the drafting group (Geneva, June and October 2012)
• Meeting of a small editorial group on PP (Geneva, May 2013)
• Input via dropbox (shared document), emails, and phone&skype conferences
• WGWH (Geneva, July 2013): draft of Guide on PP—finalized by WECF; comments and agree the next steps
• “Guide to PP under the Protocol”: consideration and adoption to 3 MoP, Oslo, 2013
• Financial support from Norway
Lessons learned for future work

• Funding of activities
• Input from other sources
• Submission of input via dropbox (shared document), emails, and phone & Skype conferences – positive experience
• Cooperation with NGOs and TFP-PDM of the Aarhus Convention
• Regional workshops: exchange of experience related to PP
Suggested future work in this area

• Integration of future activities on PP under programme area on setting targets and implementing measures
• Promoting the implementation of the Guide to Public Participation under the Protocol at the regional/subregional workshops (sessions on PP)
• A specific workshop on public participation to implement the Protocol (2016):
  – exchange of experience, good practices, common challenges;
  – to define the next activities for the future Programme of work 2017-2019