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Obstacles, challenges and good practices in relation to public participation in decision-making

Public Participation in Greece

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Three ways of public participation:

1. *The OpenGov system*
2. *Provisions through specific legislation on Environmental permitting and waste management*
3. *Public Participation process for strategic management plans*

1. The OpenGov system

In October 2009, the Open Government Initiative was established in Greece

Public consultation through the website 'Open Governance' (www.opengov.gr)

Law 4048/2012 on *Regulatory Governance: Principles, Procedures and Means for Better Regulation*

2. *Provisions through specific legislation on Environmental permitting and waste management*

Law 4014/2011 on environmental permitting for projects and activities

Law 4042/2012 on protection of the environment through criminal law- Compliance with Directive 2008/99 / EC - Framework for waste generation and management - Compliance with Directive 2008/98 / EC

considerably contribute to the implementation of the article 6 objectives

3. *Public Participation process for strategic management plans*

(example of an early pp in the Greek context)

- Consultation process announced by the Ministry of Environment for the Management plan of the river basin water districts of Greece in the framework of Directive 2000/60/EU on water management (Presidential Decree 51/2007).

- Article 15 of the presidential decree 51/2007 provides an outline of the public participation procedure

In the process of consultation:

- multiple information activities have been organized and through the Internet,
- stakeholders, active citizens invited to participate in the debate on topics such as:

  - The quality and quantity of water resources

  - Availability of water resources, drought and water scarcity in the context of climate change,

  - Programming consumption and water uses and the programs of measures for the protection of water resources,

  - Economic analysis of water use.

The Ministry:

- invited all stakeholders to a public and transparent dialogue through an interactive website.
- organized workshops and seminars for information and discussion in each water district of the country.
- Assessed the consultations and published in the relevant website and comments, views, material of the questionnaires and of all meetings studied in order to find a common sense and adopted accordingly.

BOARD ROOM
OF COURSE THEY CAN PARTICIPATE– AS SOON AS OUR PLANNING IS OVER!
PLANS
WATER PROJECT
PROJECT SITE

Thank you!