

Meeting of the Commission's expert group (E02801) "Aarhus Convention Commission expert group for national judges"

NB: This agenda is provisional and maybe subject to further changes.

**Venue: DG ENV
Room "A",
5, Avenue de Beaulieu
1060 Auderghem - Brussels
Date: 11th October 2013**

Access to justice in environmental matters - concepts, ideas and the way ahead
– chaired by Judge Luc Lavrysen from the Belgian Constitutional Court

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| 9:30 | Welcome by DG Environment, Director of Directorate D and introduction |
| 9:45 | Summary of recent developments and plans for the future |
| 10:00 | <p>Speakers: Introduction by DG ENV, Judge Marc Clément, Professor Chris Backes</p> <p>First working group topic: EFFICIENCY, PROCEDURAL GUARANTEES AND ACCESS – COSTS, SCOPE OF REVIEW AND TIMELINESS. Exchange on concepts, on policy directions. Exchange on how the national judges perceive the current situation. How could the Commission be helpful? How could a Commission initiative address the topic? Is anything else needed apart from wording of Directive 2003/35/EC (i.e. requirement of review of substantive and procedural legality).</p> |
| 11:20 | Coffee break |
| 11:45 | <p>Speakers: Introduction by DG ENV, Judge Werner Heermann</p> <p>Second working group topic: STANDING. Exchange on concepts, on policy directions. How to best incorporate case-law. Exchange on how the national judges perceive the current situation. How could the Commission be helpful? How could a Commission initiative address standing of individuals and NGOs? Criteria vs concept of Directive 2003/35/EC, NGOs engaged in promoting environmental protection in accordance with national law.</p> |

13:00	Lunch
14:30	<p>Speakers: Introduction by DG ENV, Judge Daimar Liiv, Judge Werner Heermann</p> <p>Third working group topic:</p> <p>EFFECTIVE REMEDIES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF</p> <p>Exchange on concepts, on policy directions. Exchange on how the national judges perceive the current situation. How could the Commission be helpful? How could a Commission initiative address the topic?</p>
16:00	Coffee break
16:15	<p>Speakers: DG ENV introduction, Judge Anders Bengtsson</p> <p>Fourth working group topic: MEDIATION</p> <p>Exchange on concepts, on policy directions. Exchange on how the national judges perceive the current situation. How could the Commission be helpful? How could a Commission initiative address the topic? Final conclusions</p>
17:25	Closure