SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
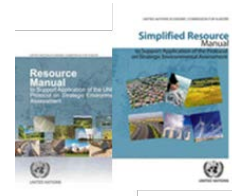
Targets relevant to the *UNECE Environment subprogramme*:

16.3   Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all

16.6   Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels

16.7   Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels

16.10   Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements

16.b   Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development

Target	Measures	Resources (hyperlinks)	Results	Partners
16.3 *16.6* *16.7* *16.10* *16.b*	Implement the UNECE Aarhus Convention and its Protocol on PRTRs to promote accountable and transparent institutions, effective access to information, inclusive stakeholder participation and transparency in national and international decision-making, as well as equal access to justice for all	Key Guidance Material on the Aarhus Convention and its Protocol Aarhus Clearinghouse for Environmental Democracy Aarhus Good Practice database PRTR.net	Improved public access to environmental information Transparent, participatory and accountable processes leading to better decision-making as well as greater ownership and buy-in by public Fair, equitable and timely access to justice	UNECE Environment with • Aarhus Centers • Academia • EU Forum of Judges for the Environment • Group of Earth Observations • IFIs • NGOs • OECD • OSCE • RECs • UNEP • UNFCCC • UN-GGIM • UNITAR • UNOHCHR • UNPAN
16.3 *16.7*	Implement the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention, to inform the public and involve it in consultations and activities related to industrial accidents prevention, prepared-ness and response Use the Convention to foster inclusive governance and decision-making involving authorities, the public, and industry	Implementation Guidance on the Industrial Accidents Convention (forthcoming)	Strengthened public participation in the prevention of, preparedness for and response to industrial accidents	UNECE Environment with • Academia • National competent authorities • NGOs • OSCE and Aarhus Centres • RECs
16.3	Use the UNECE Water Convention to promote peaceful societies and the rule of law by fostering the		Help prevent emergence of conflicts over the use of shared water resources.	

Target	Measures	Resources (hyperlinks)	Results	Partners
	development of agreements based on international water law principles and the establishment of transboundary instit-utions for cooperation on shared resources		More efficient and accountable joint bodies for transboundary waters.	
16.6 *16.7* *16.10*	The Environment for Europe ministerial process provides a high-level platform for all stakeholders to discuss, on an equal footing, decide and join efforts in addressing environ-mental priorities across the region in an integrative way		More inclusive societies and institutions for sustainable development	
16.7 *16.10*	Use the procedures of the UNECE Espoo Convention and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to make decision-making on economic activities that are likely to have adverse impacts on the environment and the health of the population more inclusive, participatory and representative, by ensuring consultation of the environmental and health authorities, other stakeholders and the public at the local, national and international levels	Good Practice Recommendations on Public Participation in Strategic Environmental Assessment Video on the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Resource Manual to Support Application of the Protocol on SEA Simplified Resource Manual to Support Application of the Protocol on SEA Guidance on Public Participation in EIA in a Transboundary Context	Improved governance and public trust in Government decision making on projects, plans, programmes and policies through greater transparency Better planning and more inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making on economic development	UNECE Environment with - European Commission - IFIs - UNEP - NGOs - OECD - Private sector - RECs - WHO

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Other UNECE subprogrammes

A number of other subprogrammes work together with the Environment Division on promoting effective, accountable and inclusive governance in such areas and sectors as energy, statistics, housing, forest and transport.