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# Public awareness, access to information and public participation

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# 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

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- 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 TFPPDM 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