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## **Relevance and impact of the Informal procedure of the Compliance Committee**

**Date:** Wednesday, 27 November 2013  
**Time:** 13:00 – 14:00  
**Venue:** “Lille sal” room  
**Organizers:** Earthjustice, Women in Europe for a Common Future  
**Language:** English

### Background

The Compliance Committee of the Protocol on Water and Health opened a new informal procedure to enable Parties who wish to do so to share with him some implementation difficulties they meet, without entering into a formal compliance review of the Protocol. Such informal consultation, by nature, does not lead to official findings, but can provide informative and constructive dialogue in order to improve the implementation of the Protocol.

Because some Parties may have problems close or similar, this procedure also allows them to participate together in the same discussion.

### Objectives and expected outcomes of the side event

The side event aims to raise awareness of the importance of this process and, more importantly, identify some of the concerns that may be similar in the field and that should be discussed in the context of such informal thematic consultation.

### Interventions

- Mr Veit Koester, Chairman of the Compliance Committee of the Protocol on Water and Health
- Ms Anke Stock, Women in Europe for our Common Future - WECF
- Mr Yves Lador, Earthjustice