

Aarhus Centres' activities in fostering transparency and public participation in environmental matters in Montenegro



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- The Network of Aarhus Centers in Montenegro performs a significant number of its activities with the aim to support a proactive approach in the work of the institutional system and an active role of the public in the process of decision making concerning environment on every level and all three branches of authority.
- The Aarhus Centres in Montenegro have different institutional affiliations and jurisdictions: Aarhus Centres in Podgorica and Berane are part of the State Agency of Environmental Protection, Aarhus Centre in Niksic is part of the NGO Environmental Movement “Ozon”
- Aarhus Centres recognize the importance of informing the public on time and adequately, and through joint and individual activities make contribution in that direction.
- All of that was noticed and commended by the European Commission in the last four progress reports on Montenegro’s EU integration.

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- The Aarhus Info Center is a special part of the web portal of the Environmental Movement Ozon. It is connected to all important pages on popular social networks and provides
 - direct support to the relevant institutions in the area of public invitations and discussions,
 - information on all activities of the Aarhus Center Niksic, in order to support civil ecological activism and increase interest for active participation in the process of decision making.
- It is necessary to keep up with modern trends when it comes to public communication. This method of spreading information is very effective, which is confirmed by the significant media space that we receive for concrete topics which we recognize as important.

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- At the public hearing of the draft of the third national report on the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Montenegro, the Aarhus Centres were involved in an early stage of consultation and contributed to the text of this important document, where also some of our activities from the beginning of 2014 until October 2016 are listed.
- Also through our communication channels (e-platforms, NGO networks, social media, etc.), we gave a timely contribution to public information, which is a prerequisite for the interest and active participation in public debate.

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- Green Star - an annual award that during 2011 - 2014 was organized by the Aarhus Centres with the support of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro is a concrete example of good practice.
- For five years, the Green Star was awarded in several categories to a total of 30 laureates from different organizations (international institutions, civil society organizations, the media, civic initiatives, businesses, individuals ...) which we have influenced the improvement of inter-sectoral cooperation.





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