

**Aarhus Workshop on Public Participation in Strategic Decision-making (PPSD)
3 - 4 December 2007, Sofia, Bulgaria**

Agenda

1st day, Monday, 3 Dec 2007

9.30 – 10.00		Registration of participants
10.00 – 10.15	15 min	Welcome and introduction (Chavdar Georgiev, Bulgaria., Elisabeth Freytag, Austria)
Morning session, chair: Elisabeth Freytag, Austria		
10.15 – 10.30	15 min	Overview of public participation in strategic decision-making in the UNECE area (David Aspinwall, UK)
10.30 – 10.45	15 min	General overview of the Aarhus Convention's requirements for public participation in strategic decision-making (Jerzy Jendroska, Poland)
10.45 – 11.00	15 min	Experiences with the SEA Directive (Jonathan Parker, European Commission)
11.00 – 11.25	25 min	<i>Questions and answers</i>
11.25 – 12.00	35 min	Coffee break
PPSD with respect to legislation		
12.00 – 12.25	25 min	Danish experience with assessments of bills (Laila Wieth-Knudsen, Denmark)
12.25 – 12.50	25 min	The new public participation mechanism established by the Parliament of Moldova (Ilya Trombitsky)
12.50 – 13.10	20 min	<i>Questions and answers</i>
13.10 – 14.40	1h30min	Lunch
Afternoon session, chair: Ursula Platzer-Schneider, Austria		
PPSD in specific sectors		
14.40 – 15.05	25 min	Regional plans for development and the national programme for ports development in Bulgaria (Vania Grigorova, Jacquelina Metodieva, Bulgaria)
15.05 – 15.30	25 min	Strategic environmental assessment of the regional land use plan for the development of wind energy in the county of Rogaland (Jorgen Brun, Norway)
15.30 – 15.50	20 min	<i>Questions and answers</i>
15.50 – 16.20	30 min	Coffee break
PPSD regarding policies		
16.20 – 16.45	25 min	The French "public debate" on transportation policy in Southern France (Laure Tourjansky, France)
16.45 – 17.10	25 min	The Electronic Discussions of CARNet (Vladimir V. Grebnev, Kyrgyzstan)
17.10 – 17.30	20 min	<i>Questions and answers</i>
followed by evening reception hosted by Bulgaria		

2nd day, Tuesday, 4 Dec 2007

Morning session, chair: Gerhard Stimmer-Kienesberger, Austria

PPSD in specific sectors (continued)		
9.00 – 9.25	25 min	Strategic environmental assessment for the Viennese waste management plan 2007 (Kerstin Arbter, Austria)
9.25 – 9.50	25 min	Legislation on public participation and SEA for the urban development plan in Yerevan (Azganush Drnoyan, Armenia)
9.50 – 10.10	20 min	<i>Questions and answers</i>
10.10 – 10.40	30 min	Coffee break
PPSD at the local and national level		
10.40 – 11.05	25 min	Aylesham Masterplan (Nick Wates, UK)
11.05 – 11.30	25 min	Participate! Decide! Win! NGO Green Home in Danilovgrad in Montenegro (Natasa Durakovic, NVO Green Home)
11.30 – 11.55	25 min	New Hungary Rural Development Programme (Teodóra Dönsz, National Society of Conservationists, FoE Hungary)
11.55 – 12.15	20 min	<i>Questions and answers</i>
12.15 – 13.45	1h30min	Lunch
Afternoon session, chair: Vania Grigorova, Bulgaria		
13.45 – 14.15	30 min	Personal reflections by David Aspinwall, UK; Magda Toth, REC; Kerstin Arbter, Austria)
14.15 – 14.30	15 min	Lessons learned and final remarks (Jeremy Wates, UNECE – Aarhus Convention Secretariat)
14.30 – 14.40	10 min	Evaluation "How useful are the examples for your public participation processes?"
14.40		Closure of workshop