

# **Building Bridges between Regions**

## **Webinar on Capacity Building to Support the Implementation of the Aarhus Convention**

**May 20, 2014**

### **Agenda**

#### **Introduction**

- Background and goals, agenda – Ms. Tsvetelina Borissova Filipova, *Senior Expert, REC, moderator*
- Introduction of participants to the webinar (short round of brief introductions)

#### **Exchange of experience between Aarhus Parties and stakeholders, and ECLAC stakeholders**

Key note speakers from the ECE region will share experience on capacity building reflected in the text of the Convention and how capacity building has been carried out in practice. Speakers are proposed from the level of Aarhus Secretariat, Parties, NGOs and other stakeholders. After the presentations questions can be put and will be followed by a moderated discussion.

#### **Topics:**

- Capacity building reflected in the text of the Convention and its implications for practical implementation – Mr. Sándor Fülöp, *President, Environmental and Management Organization (EMLA); former Aarhus Compliance Committee member and former Ombudsman of Future Generations, Hungary*
- Mechanisms for capacity building under the Aarhus Convention (strategic plan and work programme, regional workshops, capacity building cooperation, guidance documents: Implementation Guide, clearinghouse mechanism, etc.) – Mr. Theodore Koukis, *Aarhus Convention Secretariat, Associate Environmental Affairs Officer, Environment Division*
- Capacity building to prepare for the ratification of the Aarhus Convention: Example of Estonia – Ms. Kaidi Tingas, *Public Participation Expert, REC*
- Capacity building for CSOs to be able to use their rights under the Convention (including on compliance mechanism) – Ms. Mara Silina, *European Environmental Bureau*
- Capacity building to prepare for implementation of the Convention (Different forms of capacity building carried out in projects in South and Eastern Europe (SEE) and East Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA), e.g. supporting development of implementation strategies, workshops, trainings for governmental officials, CSOs and

the judiciary, guidance materials, grants for pilot projects) – Ms. Magda Tóth Nagy,  
*Project Consultant, REC*

Questions and discussion

### **Conclusions, next steps and closure**

Ms. Tsvetelina Borissova Filipova, REC