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**Building bridges
between regions**

**Improving access to environmental information, public participation and
access to justice for better decision-making**

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Inter-regional cooperation on Principle 10 of Rio Declaration

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Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Principle 10)



REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER



**EUROPEAN
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Lead by the Regional Environmental Center in partnership with European Environmental Bureau

Building Bridges between Regions process

- Supports the **negotiation process** on a regional LAC instrument on Principle 10;
- Facilitates the cooperation and **interregional experience** sharing on Principle 10 and the Aarhus Convention;
- **Empowers stakeholders** by building their capacities for better engagement in the LAC P10 process



The Bridge - Informal forum on P10 between UN ECLAC and UN ECE stakeholders - networking

forum offers through **training and live online exchanges-webinars:**

- Opportunity for direct discussions between key stakeholders on topics of common interest
- Benefit from the words of the people who faced the challenges and found solutions
- Share good practices and lessons learned
- Draw recommendations on how to structure the process efficiently

The benefit from the process of the UNECE region when

- designing
- drafting
- negotiating and
- implementing

a regional instrument on Principle 10 as Aarhus Convention (AC)

Selected events 2014:

- **First Forum** on preparation and negotiations on the text of a P10 convention (the Aarhus Convention-AC)
- Webinar on **capacity building** to support the implementation of P10
Webinar on **issues related to compliance** under the AC
- **Second Forum** for the exchange, in the form of a side event to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the AC (July 2014, Maastricht)



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Side events

- “CSO involvement in international negotiations and enforcement of international agreements”
- “Perspectives for implementing the draft regional instrument in the Latin American and Caribbean region”



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The Regional Environmental Center (REC)

- An international organisation with head office in Hungary
- Based on a charter signed by 31 countries and the European Commission
- Regional presence and offices in Europe
- International staff of approx. 160 employees
- 100% project based organization
- Active in Europe and beyond
- RE is already 25th years old anniversary on June 2015



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In the long run the project will strive to continue with providing support on P10

Thank you
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