



Aarhus Centres

Supporting capacity building and implementation on the ground



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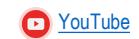
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Aarhus Centres

What are they?

- Assist **governments** in implementing the [Aarhus Convention](#)
- Assist **public** in understanding and exercising their rights as brought by the Convention
- Work in close co-operation with Aarhus Convention Secretariat
- OSCE supports establishment, operation and networking of Aarhus Centres since 2002
- Network rapidly grew to **60 Aarhus Centres in 15 countries in OSCE area**

Background material (courtesy of OSCE): [The Aarhus Centres - A Brief Introduction | Aarhus Centres Guidelines | Updated Guidelines on Gender Mainstreaming in Aarhus Centres Activities](#)



Learn more at
<https://aarhus.osce.org/>

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Activities

- Environment and security are linked
- Governing environmental issues is becoming an increasingly complex task and can lead to tensions
- Environmental co-operation can help building trust and confidence – through dialogue and consultation between countries and within countries
- Aarhus Centres provide platforms to engage public, governments, the private sector and other stakeholders in a dialogue on environmental challenges and solutions



Source: OECD

Aarhus Centres Locations

60 Centres in 15 countries

South-Eastern Europe

Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Montenegro
North Macedonia
Serbia

Eastern Europe

Belarus
Republic of Moldova
Ukraine

Caucasus

Armenia
Azerbaijan
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Central Asia

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Aarhus Convention and its Protocol on PRTRs

Learn more at

<https://www.unece.org/env/pp/welcome.html>

Thank you

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