

# European ECO Forum and other NGOs in the process



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- ***For more than 20 years the European ECO Forum continues to facilitate civil society's involvement in and to provide an input to the "Environment for Europe" processes of the UNECE ensuring public participation in high level environmental decision making***

- **1991 – Prestavlký (Czech Republic) - Pan-European NGO meeting in parallel to the first “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference (Dobris Castle) – planted seeds for future cooperation**



**Coalition of more than 200 Environmental Citizens’ Organisations – ECOs – from all the UNECE region born to follow up the UN Environment for Europe Process - in preparation for Luzern, 1993**

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- **Since that time the European ECO Forum successfully coordinates NGO participation and involvement in the EfE process. In preparation to all previous EfE Ministerial Conferences ECO Forum facilitated NGO participation in the official preparatory process, Task Forces, Working Groups and other intergovernmental meetings and negotiations, developed NGO position papers on EfE themes and Ministerial conference agenda items and submitted these documents to the Ministers as well as widely disseminated in the region.**

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- **European ECO Forum was more known for its involvement in work of the Aarhus Convention**
  - **Our involvement in UNECE processes:**
    - *Environment for Europe Ministerial Conferences*
    - *Environment and Health process*
    - *Committee on Environment Policy (CEP)*
    - *PRTR Protocol*
    - *Water Convention and its Protocol on Water and Health*
    - *Protocol on Civil Liability (active in the past but now very passive)*
    - *Air Convention (less active)*
    - *Espoo Convention and SEA Protocol*



- Involvement in SEA Protocol started before it was adopted in 2003 at the Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference in Kyiv in May 2003
- More than 10 years in Espoo Convention's work – following the UNECE official work but also awareness raising for civil society (RACSE is representing European ECO Forum there)
- Besides the European ECO Forum there are other organisations involved in the Espoo work: IAIA (International Association for Impact Assessment); CENN, Nuclear Transparency Watch, WWF Russia, Eco Globe (Armenia), Eco Contact (Moldova), EPL (Ukraine), Independent Ecological Expertise (Kyrgyzstan), EcoHome (Belarus) and some more.
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