

XXIV POLISH-CZECH-SLOVAK ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CONFERENCE:
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL
MATTERS IN CENTRAL EUROPE – THE TWENTY FIFTH
ANNIVERSARY OF SIGNING THE AARHUS CONVENTION

TORUŃ, 1-2 SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Correct identification of new trends in the concept of public participation in environmental matters can only be made on the basis of the *de lege lata* assessment. In 2023, we celebrate the twenty fifth anniversary of signing the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Undoubtedly, it is an act playing a fundamental role in enhancing the rights of the members of the public in relation to the common good, i.e. the environment. Therefore, it is necessary to examine the way in which the Convention has impacted the contemporary legal system, taking into account the ongoing discussion about substantive and procedural environmental rights of individuals.

Public participation, embodied in environmental rights (Rio Declaration – principle 10), displays one of the essential aspects of the principle of sustainable development, and, consequently, environmental law. During the past quarter century, important advancements of this legal concept have been made. Thus, with its significance constantly growing, public participation requires anew attention from environmental law scholarship, which should result in the research embracing international, EU and national law perspective. For this reason, we would like to dedicate this year's edition of the seminar, integrating Polish, Czech and Slovak environmental law theoreticians and practitioners, to assessing the current developments in public participation in environmental matters in supranational or domestic legal context. And, we hereby sincerely invite you to present your findings in that regard during the conference, organized by the Department of Environmental Law and PEL of the NCU Faculty of Law and Administration, which will be held on the 1st and 2nd of September 2023.

We look forward to meeting you in Toruń!

With best wishes,
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CONFERENCE DATE AND LOCATION

Toruń, 1-2 September 2023

Hotel Uniwersytecki, ul. Szosa Chełmińska 83a, 87-100 Toruń;

<https://www.umk.pl/uslugi/hotel/>)

CONFERENCE WEBSITE

<http://ipswin.pl/nauka/pos>

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

25 May 2023 – the end of registration

25 June 2023 – payment of the conference fee

25 August 2023 – submission of presentations and posters

REGISTRATION

Online registration form: <http://ipswin.pl/nauka/pos/rej>

CONFERENCE FEE

600,00 PLN (the fee includes: access to all sessions, conference materials, 2 lunches, 1 diner and refreshments during coffee breaks; the accommodation is not provided)

PAYMENT DETAILS

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