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Official and shadow reports: Monitoring progress of the implementation

Side event of non-governmental organizations at
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Tuesday 12 September / 19:30 – 21:00

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Agenda:

Panel 1: Reporting mechanism and its constraints

What can and what cannot be found in implementation reports? / Is there a space for improvement of the reporting mechanism? / Why the NGOs prepare alternative reports?

Martin Skalsky, Arnika
Lukas Pokorny, AC Bureau

National implementation report and Shadow report:
Example of the best practice and cooperation of the state
and the civil society in Austria

Summer Kern, Okoburo (AT)

Discussion

Panel 2: Shadow implementation reports

Hungary: NGO report and opinion

Csaba Kiss, EMLA

Belarus: Environmental democracy – A myth or reality?

Marina Dubina, Ecohome

Kazakhstan: Justice out of sight

Svetlana Mogiluk, ECOM

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Progress unreported

Tomas Jungwirth,
independent lawyer

Croatia: Civil society organizations' report

Zeljka Leljak Gracin, Green Action

Czech Republic: Public participation undesirable

Martin Skalsky, Arnika

Discussion

National implementation reports 2017

- 9 countries failed to submit their NIR
- 7 other NIRs delivered not in time
- Some NIRs contain gaps and are of generally poor quality
- NIRs selective in what is reported on
 - *emphasis on the legislation, silence about obstacles*
 - *lack of information on issues the citizens face in real life*
- Some parties failed to consult the public
- Some parties – high quality reports, best practices

Shadow reports

- Increasing number of the shadow reports:
 - 3 (2011) – 5 (2014) – 7 (2017)
- Practical experience from exercising the rights provided by the Convention – cases, obstacles
- Describe legislative changes weakening environmental democracy in some countries