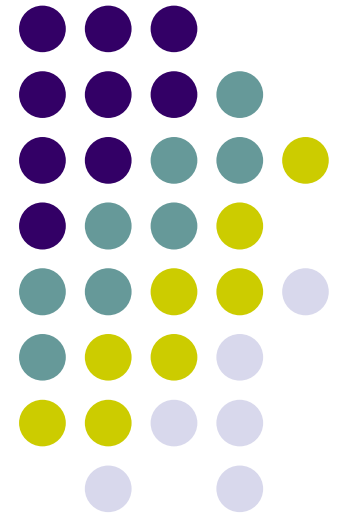


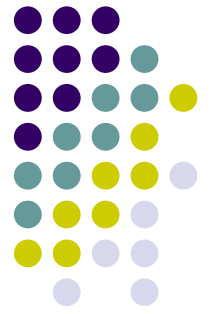
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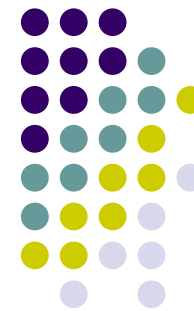


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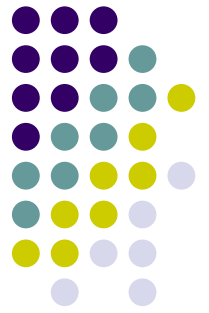
- 1998 Aarhus convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental matters
- 2003 Protocol on the Pollution Release and Transfer Register (Kijev)

# ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION



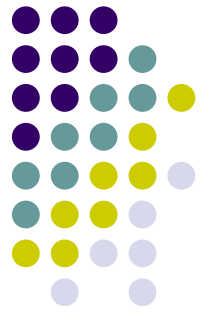
- 1990 Directive 90/313/EEC on the freedom of access to information on the environment
- 2003 Directive 2003/4/EC on public access to environmental information and repealing Council Directive 90/313/EEC

# AARHUS CONVENTION



- Public - natural or legal persons as well as their associations, organizations or groups
- Public concerned - those who are affected or likely to be affected by or having an interest in the environmental decision-making

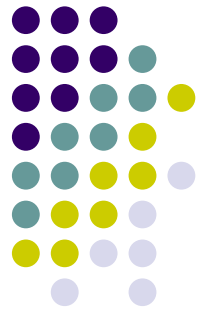
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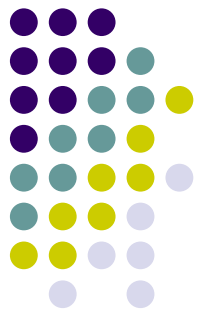
The Aarhus Convention stands on three "pillars":

- access to information
- public participation
- access to justice.

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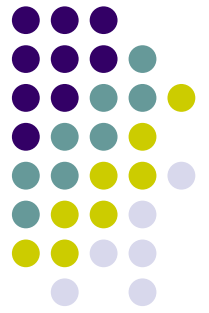
- **Active access** - the right of the public to receive information and the obligation of authorities to collect and disseminate information of public interest without the need for a specific request.
- **Passive access** - the right of the public to seek information from public authorities and the obligation of public authorities provide information in response to a request



# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- participation of the public that may be affected by or is otherwise interested in decision-making on a specific activity (Article 6)
- participation of the public in the development of plans, programmes and policies relating to the environment (Article 7)
- participation of the public in the preparation of laws, rules and legally binding norms. (Article 8)

# ACCESS TO JUSTICE



- Enforcement of the right to environmental information
- Enforcement of the right to participation of public
- Enforcement of environmental law