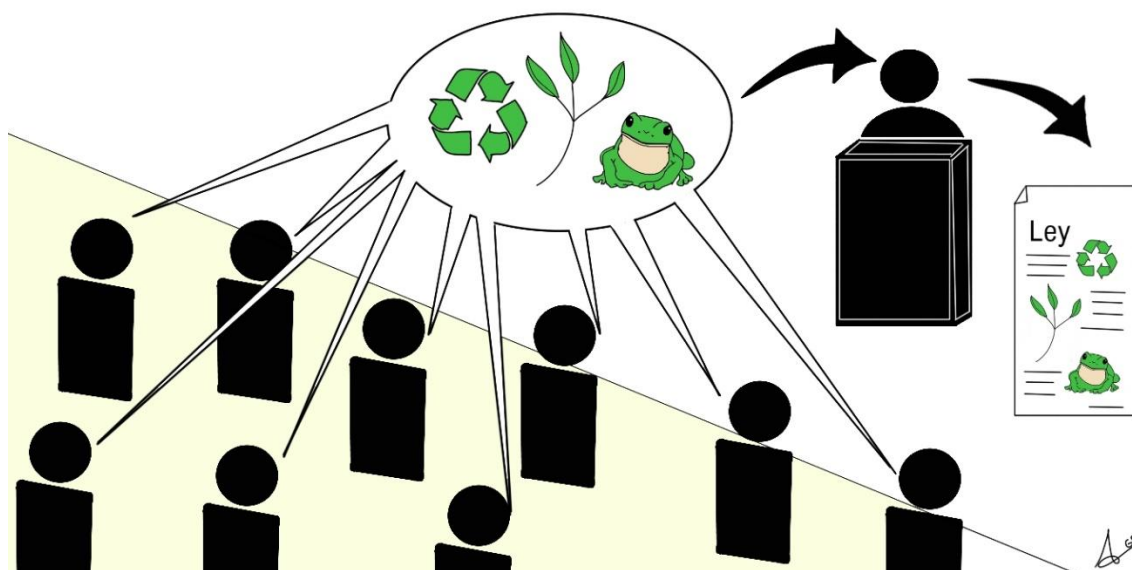


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Recommendation 131. Citizen participation in legislative procedures regarding the environment



Year	Congress
2012	
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
	WWF España, Ecologistas en Acción, Grupo Ornitológico Balear, Fundación para la Conservación del Quebrantahuesos, DEPANA, Fundación Naturaleza y Hombre, Eco-Union, Océánidas, Gobierno Vasco, Fundación Oxígeno

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Petition	
<p>Urges all governments to establish mechanisms that allow for effective public participation preferably at an early phase, and when the options are still open, during the stage when regulatory provisions or other general, legally binding regulations that could make a great impact on the environment are being drawn up. Calls on the European Union and its Member States in particular to include in their regulations the provisions of Article 8 of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention, 1998); and urges the governments of the European Union to avoid unnecessary urgent procedures in the drawing up of legislation having a major impact on the environment, and if necessary, to establish mechanisms – also urgent – allowing for citizen participation.</p>	
State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process
Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain	
<p>Project of congested marine areas in Galicia. (2012) Public participation in the protection of biodiversity. Monographs of the Aragonese Journal of Public Administration. (2016). Analysis of the Spanish regulatory framework for public participation in environmental protection and, in particular, in the protection of natural areas. Preparation of the MITECO web page on public participation, where draft laws, regulations, plans and programmes carried out by the Ministry within the area of Environmental Quality and Assessment are disseminated so that citizens can assess them prior to their approval and thus guarantee the right to access information on environmental matters. Plan to promote citizen participation in Navarre. (2017-2019). Inclusion of public participation in the drafting of the Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan. (2018). XV Conference in Defence of Spanish Heritage. (2019, Malaga).</p> <p>UPDATE 2022 IV Open Government Plan Spain 2020. (2020). Promotion of citizen participation in public affairs related to the environment. Environmental Diagnosis 2020 of the Community of Madrid. (2020). It includes a citizen participation and volunteering program. National Integrated Energy and Climate Plan 2021-2030. (2020). One of its objectives is the development of renewable energies, citizen participation and innovation. Environmental web page of Castilla y León on Citizen Participation and the Environment. (2020). Zaragoza City Council Education and Participation website. (2020). Annual Regulatory Plan 2021. General State Administration. (2021). Encourage citizen participation. The Citizen Assembly for the Climate starts. (2021). Citizen Assembly for the Climate, a pioneering citizen participation forum in Spain that opens a new path to reinforce public participation. MITECO website for Citizen Participation. (2022). Strategic Health and Environment Plan 2022 – 2026. (2022). Promote citizen participation to fulfill the objective "Improve the training of professionals and public awareness". Another objective is "To train</p>	

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health professionals in the use of human biomonitoring as a tool so that they can act as reference elements in their fields of action, thus facilitating informed citizen participation."

MITECO opens the regulatory bases for aid for new business models in the energy transition to a public audience. (2022). The implementation of new business models that provide innovative solutions will contribute to achieving a more distributed, flexible and multidirectional energy model, where citizen participation will be a key factor in solving the challenges of the energy transition.

II Conference on Environmental Education of the Valencian Community. (2022). Environmental Education relates the natural environment with the social, economic and political environment, and likewise promotes citizen participation in solving environmental problems.

PIMA Adapta Plan at the National Center for Environmental Education. (2022). Design and development of awareness programs and citizen participation.

MITECO supports 45 energy community projects promoted by more than 2,600 people, SMEs and local entities. (2022). Start-up to promote social innovation and citizen participation in renewables, energy efficiency or electric mobility.

Public Participation Report. Work Program 2021-2025 PNACC. (2022). Promotion of training and revitalization for prevention, self-protection and citizen participation associated with risk management plans for floods, fires and high temperatures.



Public participation process of the Hydrological Plans 2022-2027. (2022).

Legislation:

Allegations in the Municipal Ordinances on Noise, Animals and Cleanliness (2015, Malaga); Law 2/2015 (on Transparency, Good Governance and Citizen Participation in the Valencian Community); Organic Law 4/2015 (on the Protection of Citizen Security); Law 8/2015 (on Transparency in Public Activity and Citizen Participation in Aragon); Law 39/2015 (on Common Administrative Procedure for Public Administrations); Law 7/2017 (on Citizen Participation in Andalusia).

Organic Law 3/2020, of December 29, which modifies Organic Law 2/2006, of May 3, on Education. Enables citizen participation.

LEGISLATIVE DECREE 1/2021, of June 18, of the Council for the approval of the consolidated text of the Law on land use, urban planning and landscape. Promotes citizen participation.

Estimated geographical scope	Geographical scope achieved
	

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