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<p>Enforcing Environmental Law in the EU European Union</p>

Justice & Environment (J&E), an association of public interest environmental law organizations in the EU announces that the implementation of its 2012 Work Plan received a grant of over EUR 160 thousand from the EC's LIFE+ NGO Grants instrument.

Environmental lawyers of J&E from Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain will be working on the enforcement of EU environmental law in the main topics of the Work Plan that are: Aarhus Convention, Climate Change, Health and Environment, Environmental Impact Assessment/Strategic Environmental Assessment, and the Environmental Liability Directive.

J&E will develop legislation analyses, case studies, position papers, litigation, participation in various meetings and conferences, and organize trainings in these issues throughout the EU. J&E will do this to improve the implementation of European environmental law, in line with its mandate effective since 2004.

Thomas Alge, Chairman of J&E declared:

“The sustained support of the Commission means that European stakeholders value the work of J&E highly. Our dedication to the cause of promoting European environmental law is a solid basis on which we will build mechanisms that improve environmental enforcement in the EU.”

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