Principle 10 seeks to ensure that every person has access to information, can participate in the decision-making process and has access to justice in environmental matters with the aim of safeguarding the right to a healthy and sustainable environment for present and future generations.

**What does the Principle 10 regional agreement strive for?**

- It aims to deepen democracies and social cohesion, build trust in the adopted decisions, eliminate asymmetries and prevent socio-environmental conflicts.
- It offers a redefinition of the traditional relations between the State, the market and society.
- It contributes to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**Regional developments**

- 20 countries recognize the right of persons to live in a healthy environment in their constitutions
- 20 countries have enacted access to information laws
- 20 countries provide for the right of any person or group to bring legal actions to safeguard the environment
- 25 countries have provisions in their general laws on the environment to promote public participation
- 18 countries have specialized entities, judicial or otherwise, in environmental matters