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<p><b>Enforcing Environmental Law in the EU European Union</b></p>
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Justice & Environment (J&E), an association of public interest environmental law organizations in the EU announces that the implementation of its 2011 Work Plan received a grant of over EUR 175 thousand from the EC's LIFE+ NGO Grants instrument.

Environmental lawyers of J&E from Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Spain will be working on the enforcement of EU environmental law in the main topics of the Work Plan that are: Climate Change, Nature and Biodiversity, Health and Environment, Resources and Waste, the Aarhus Convention, Environmental Impact Assessment, the Environmental Liability Directive, and Road Transport Infrastructure Costs.

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**, the newly elected Chairman of J&E declared:

“We are very satisfied with our 2011 grant for our yearly working program, especially this year, when we aim to address important issues like climate change, public participation, preservation of biodiversity, enhancing the environmental liability regime, and others; all very important issues for the future of our society. We

hope to contribute to the enforcement of a better legislation in these areas involving the public as the main actor of the sustainable development concept.”

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