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to the Commission**

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Subject: Access to justice in matters relating to the environment and climate

Inter-institutional negotiations on the amendment of the Aarhus Regulation will start on 4 June 2021. They are intended to improve public access to justice in environmental matters and bring the EU regulation into line with the Aarhus International Convention, which it transposes.

However, in a judgment delivered on 25 March last, the Court of Justice of the European Union confirmed the rejection of the action brought by a number of citizens against the 2018 'climate and energy package', with the citizens seeking more ambitious targets. The CJEU reasonably wanted to avoid a 'locus standi for all' arguing that citizens were not 'individually concerned' by the legislative package.

How does the Commission intend to reconcile the extension of public access to justice in environmental matters with the position of the CJEU, which denies individuals the possibility of challenging the EU's climate objectives in court?