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**TAIEX-EIR PEER 2 PEER**

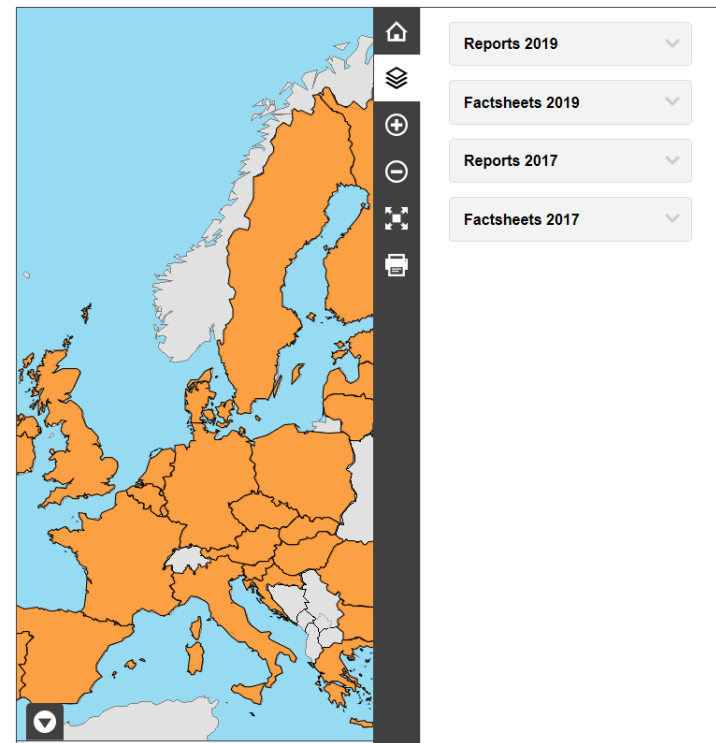
A new tool bringing together  
environmental implementation policy experts

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**ACR+ webinar on EU  
financing  
mechanisms for P2P  
learning**

## The Environmental Implementation Review (EIR)

- *a tool to improve implementation of EU environmental law and policy*
- *a two-yearly cycle of analysis, dialogue and collaboration, with a set of country reports for each EU Member State*
- *The latest EIR set of country reports published in April 2019*  
[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eir/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eir/index_en.htm)



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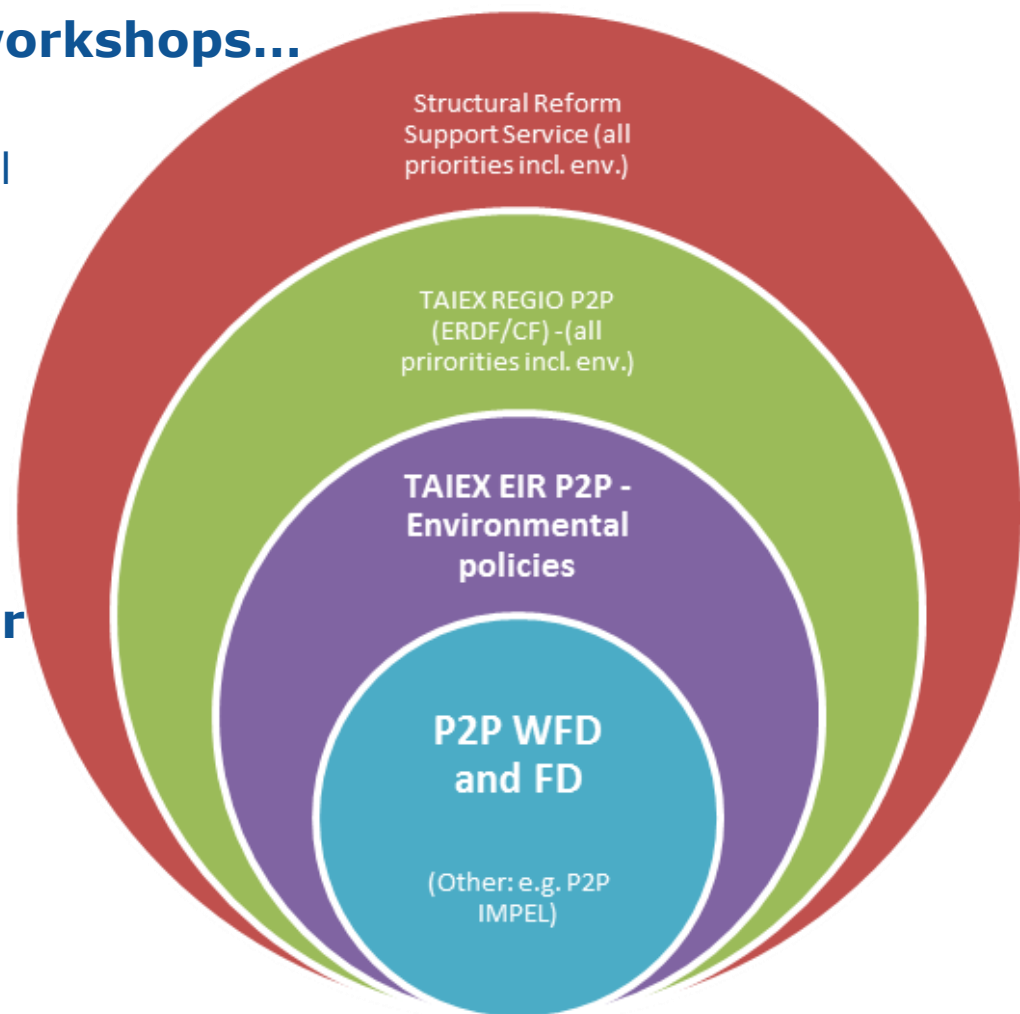
- **A tool for peer-to-peer learning between environmental authorities of EU Member States**
- **Objective: sharing experience and good practice in environmental implementation and governance**
- **Using the Commission TAIEX programme**
- **Demand-driven: peer learning events are organised on request of Member States**
- **Applications can come from local, regional or national level**
- **Commission is in the role of a facilitator**
- **Quick and flexible**
- **Financing travel & accommodation and expert work**





## COM provides mechanisms to: facilitate exchanges between competent authorities and experts, organise study visits, workshops...

- **Taiex REGIO P2P**: exchange of expertise in managing ERDF structural funds) -on-going until 2020.
- **Taiex EIR P2P**: overall environmental implementation gaps
- **P2P: WaterFrameworkDir/FloodsDir plans** –more specific technical gaps (e.g. economic analysis art. 9, pressures analysis 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle) launched end 2017, for 2 years.



# TAIEX-EIR PEER 2 PEER - What can be provided?



## EXPERT MISSIONS



EU Member State experts can be sent to institutions in other Member States that have requested peer advice and exchange experience on a specific topic. Expert missions can last between 2 to 5 days.

## STUDY VISITS



Employees (maximum 3) from a requesting institution can be sent on a working visit to other EU Member State institutions to learn from peers and exchange good practices. Study visits can last between 2 to 5 days.

## WORKSHOPS



Single or multi-country workshops can be organised in a requesting institution. Workshops would normally last 2 days.



## **TAIEX-EIR PEER 2 PEER - Examples**

***Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland with the Netherlands, Finland and Slovenia: Workshop on Preparing a Circular Economy Action Plan, 17 - 18 May 2018 – Budapest***

***Czech Republic with Germany: Study Visit to Germany on Mechanical-biological treatment of municipal solid waste, 29 – 31 October 2018, Hanover***

***Denmark with Belgium: Study Visit of experts from Danish Municipal waste management to learn about waste prevention, re-use – repair networks and recycling in Belgian regions and municipalities, 24 – 25 September, Brussels***

***Portugal, Slovenia: Study Visit of the Portuguese region Evora to Ljubljana and reciprocal expert mission to learn about waste management, 5 – 6 September and 17 – 21 September 2018, Ljubljana and Evora***

***Cities from UK, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland with cities from Belgium and the Netherlands, Workshop on circular economy for cities, 4 – 6 March 2019, Leuven***

***The Czech Republic with the Netherlands: Expert Mission of Dutch Experts to Prague on Circular Procurement, May 2019***

***Greece with Italy, Portugal, Spain and Slovenia: Workshop for over 20 Greek municipalities with experts from Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Slovenian cities and regions, 12 – 13 June 2019***

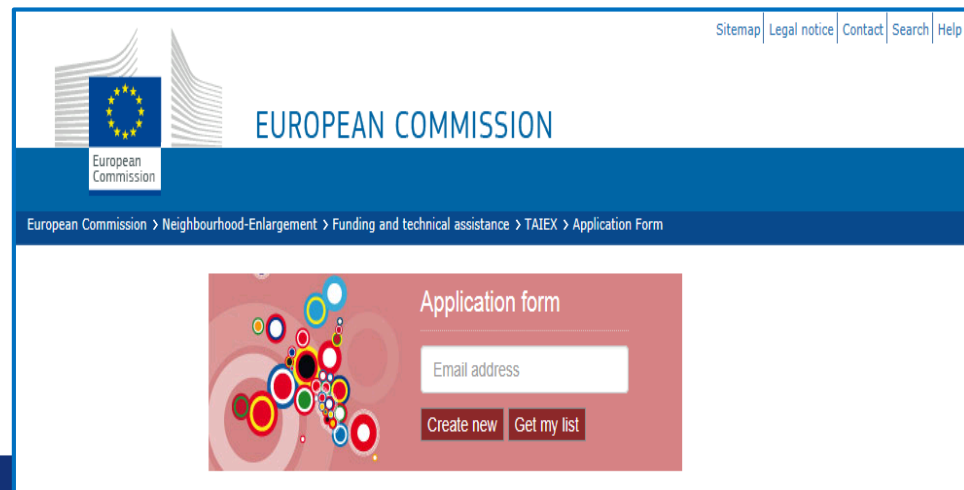
# Peer learning with ACR+ and its members?

- **Using TAIEX EIR P2P to organise peer exchanges for ACR+ members**  
or
- **ACR+ members as experts in peer learning for others**  
or
- **ACR+ members as host of workshops for other regions or cities**  
or .....

# TAIEX-EIR P2P

## - How does it work?

- EIR PEER 2 PEER assistance is provided on request of a Member State **public institution** involved in the implementation of EU environmental policy and law
- Requests can be submitted **by national, regional or local public bodies**, as well as from **regional or local environmental implementation businesses, entrusted with a public task** (e.g. waste water treatment)
- Requests have to provide information on
  - Applicant, contact person
  - Objective
  - Justification
  - Expertise required
  - Participants and target group
  - Timing
- **Online-application for requests**  
[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eir/p2p\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eir/p2p_en.htm)



The screenshot shows the European Commission website interface for the TAIEX-EIR P2P application form. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Sitemap, Legal notice, Contact, Search, and Help. Below this is the European Commission logo and the text 'EUROPEAN COMMISSION'. A breadcrumb trail indicates the path: European Commission > Neighbourhood-Enlargement > Funding and technical assistance > TAIEX > Application Form. The main content area features a red background with a graphic of colorful circles on the left. On the right, the text 'Application form' is displayed above an 'Email address' input field. Below the input field are two buttons: 'Create new' and 'Get my list'.



## **TAIEX-EIR PEER 2 PEER** **- What is financed?**

- **Participants in workshops:** travel + accommodation (for participants from the hosting country only if minimum distance between venue and residence)
- **Experts in expert missions or workshops:** travel, accommodation, per diem + Flat Daily Allowance per working day
- **Participants in study visits :** travel + accommodation
- **1 Flat Daily Allowance for the host of study visit**
- **Working language English; interpretation can be paid, if duly justified**



# Further information

**TAIEX-EIR P2P** website

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eir/p2p/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eir/p2p/index_en.htm)

Leaflets in all Member States' languages available

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