TAIEX-REGIO PEER 2 PEER
A tool bringing together cohesion policy experts
TAIEX-REGIO PEER 2 PEER instrument was set up in 2015 by the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) of the European Commission. The aim of the instrument is to help EU Member States’ administrations share their experience more easily on various topics related to the management of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF). We believe that learning from peers is a powerful way to look for solutions, inspiration and improve the way EU funds are invested.

TAIEX-REGIO PEER 2 PEER is implemented using the longstanding experience with the TAIEX instrument at the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR).
WHAT TYPES OF PEER-TO-PEER ASSISTANCE ARE AVAILABLE?

EXPERT MISSION
A Member State administration can request peer advice of a practitioner from an administration of another Member State.

STUDY VISIT
A Member State administration can request a study visit to another Member State.

WORKSHOP
A Member State administration can request an exchange in a format of a workshop (single- or multi-country).

All exchanges are SHORT-TERM, lasting up to 5 working days.
WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR PEER 2 PEER ASSISTANCE?

The instrument is open to public administrations involved in the management of ERDF and CF investments in EU Member States:

- Managing authorities
- Intermediate bodies
- Audit authorities
- Certifying authorities
- Coordinating authorities
- Joint secretariats for European territorial cooperation programmes
- Other public bodies could be eligible, but only in duly justified circumstances and when the exchange is for the direct benefit of ERDF/CF investments. This is decided on a case by case basis.

HOW TO BECOME A TAIEX-REGIO PEER 2 PEER EXPERT?

IF YOU:

- work for a Member State administration in one of the institutions responsible for management and implementation of the ERDF and Cohesion Fund;
- are willing to share your knowledge and experience with peers from other Member States;

We kindly invite you to register yourself online in the experts’ database at: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/p2p

Institutions which are willing to host delegations from other Member States are also very much encouraged to express their interest on the same website.
HOW DOES IT WORK IN PRACTICE?

APPLICATION
A Member State administration submits online an electronic application form available at http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/p2p

PREPARATION OF AN EXCHANGE
Once the application is approved, a Member State administration which applied is requested to draft the agenda of an exchange. On the basis of an agenda, the Commission looks for relevant expertise. Once the experts are identified, the applicant administration is strongly encouraged to get in contact in order to prepare for the exchange.

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EVALUATION OF AN APPLICATION
The Commission examines the application and takes a decision on whether a request for a peer-to-peer exchange is eligible and justified.

EVALUATION OF THE EXCHANGE
The participants of the exchange are requested to provide a short feedback: directly after the event and also after 6 months, in order to assess the impact.

EXCHANGE
The exchange takes place. Presentations are published online at http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/p2p

STEPS IN PREPARATION OF AN EXCHANGE. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE? HOW IT IS GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED?
# WHAT WE FUND UNDER TAIEX-REGIO PEER 2 PEER

## Costs financed by TAIEX-REGIO PEER 2 PEER

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# WHAT ARE THE AREAS OF ASSISTANCE?

TAIEX-REGIO PEER 2 PEER covers all topics of a direct relevance for ERDF/CF investments. Examples of exchanges that have already taken place are available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/p2p
“This visit to Borås city which has won the European Access City Award shifted our mind-set to another level. We could see in practice that tremendous results are possible if there are constant priorities. TAIEX-REGIO PEER 2 PEER opened opportunities for us to learn from another country, adopt its good practices and develop competencies that we need to implement European Regional Development Fund projects and achieve more effective results.”

Justina Jakštienė, Head of social infrastructure projects unit, CPMA

“Through TAIEX-REGIO PEER 2 PEER, we received exhaustive information about the daily work of a public organisation responsible for the social and economic development of Highlands and Islands region which has previously faced the challenges related to depopulation and stagnation. We could also hear about the experience from other regions with similar problems which joined the exchange. It has, without doubt, made possible a wide range of future joint initiatives between regions with similar demographic challenges.”

Joaquín Palacín Eltoro, Director General of Territorial Planning, Government of Aragon
WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

TAIEX-REGIO PEER 2 PEER website:
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/p2p

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