


**European Commission**


Technical Assistance Information Exchange Instrument (TAIEX), DG Enlargement

## The TAIEX Instrument of the European Commission

(Technical Assistance Information Exchange Instrument)

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## Mission Statement

support beneficiary countries in understanding, transposing, implementing and applying EU policies, legislation, rules – the *acquis*

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## Beneficiaries

- Post-accession assistance: Bulgaria and Romania
- Pre-accession assistance: Candidate countries; Western Balkans
- Turkish Cypriot community
- Countries covered by the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) including Russia

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## TAIEX as instrument for ENP and Russia

- Legal basis: Council Decision 2006/62/CE
- Aims:
  - support implementation of priorities defined by Action Plans, Association Agreements or Roadmaps
  - address objectives identified in ongoing structured dialogue

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## General Mandate

- Assist partner countries in understanding and drafting legislation harmonised with the *acquis* and related to the priorities of the Action Plans
- Help partner countries with implementation and enforcement

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## The *acquis communautaire*

The *acquis* is the body of common rights and obligations that is binding on all the Member States of the European Union

For the purpose of TAIEX assistance we mainly refer to the legislation adopted pursuant to the Treaties, particularly in the form of:

- Directives
- Regulations
- Decisions

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## Main forms of assistance

- Seminars/Workshops
- Expert Missions
- Study Visits
- Peer-based Advisory Missions

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## Beneficiary Groups

- Central Administrations
- Parliament
- Judiciary/Law Enforcement
- Private Sector Associations
- Social Partners

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## Expertise

- Mobilised experts are almost exclusively Member States' public-sector officials
- Commission's and other EU Institutions' officials often involved

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## Activation

- Requests are primarily generated by the beneficiary countries
- Suggestions from Commission services are also considered

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## How to apply

- **Application forms** available via the web-site <http://taix.ec.europa.eu>
- **Letter, fax, e-mail** (under the condition that the basic information requested in the application form is provided)

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## Who decides?

- All applications are submitted for opinion to the National Contact Point, the EC Delegation and the competent Commission services
- The Institution Building Unit of DG Enlargement, managing the TAIEX instrument, takes the final decision

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## How long does it take?

- TAIEX can quickly deliver the requested assistance
- From the submission of the application, a minimum of 4-5 weeks for the dispatching of an expert and of about 8 weeks for the organisation of a seminar

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## How much would it cost me?

- TAIEX covers **all the costs** related to the provision of its assistance
- TAIEX can consider the opportunity to co-organise events together with Institutional stakeholders and/or other donors

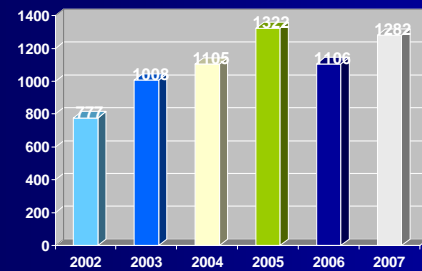
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## Examples of organised events

- Seminar on payment fraud in the EU Member States, the EU Accession Countries & other European countries (Competent Ministries and Authorities, Banking Institutions; Brussels, April 2006)
- Expertise on risk management in financial institutions (Italian expert to Ankara, February 2006)
- *+ add examples from the particular beneficiary country*

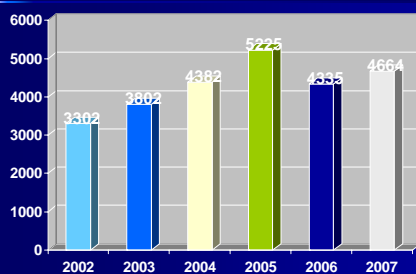
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## TAIEX actions since 2002



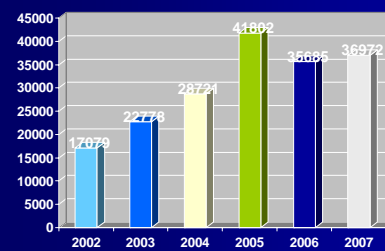
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## Experts/Speakers at TAIEX activities



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## Participants at TAIEX activities



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## TAIEX in Croatia

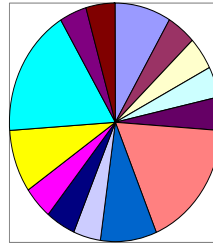
Since 2007 until today:

- 152 applications received
- 98 events organised
- 4614 participants trained

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## Activity by Sector

Activities by Sector-Chapter



- 01 Free Movement of Goods
- 03 Freedom to provide services
- 06 Competition policy
- 07 Agriculture
- 11 Agriculture and rural development
- 12 Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy
- 14 Transport policy
- 17 Science and research
- 20 Enterprise and industrial policy
- 22 Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments
- 24 Co-operation in the fields of justice and home affairs
- 24 Justice, freedom and security
- 29 Customs union
- 35 Other issues

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## Thank you.

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