



Luxembourg & Environmental Implementation Review

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Introduction video for EU citizens





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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8C598JHQlrk & http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eir/index_en.htm

1st week: over 40,000 views on Facebook

Why a new tool?



- EU environmental policy and legislation bring many **benefits**
- Weak implementation generates high societal, economic and environmental costs & uneven playing field for businesses
- The EIR is a tool to improve implementation. It complements (not replaces) other efforts such as compliance assurance and infringements



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The EIR is a two-yearly cycle of analysis, dialogue and concrete collaboration to boost environmental implementation



Communication: Synthesis report on common trends and challenges

Annex with all suggested actions



Concrete action: e.g. guidance; (administrative) reforms; **Peer 2 Peer tool** for sharing experiences & expertise; bilateral projects; political conclusions, etc.



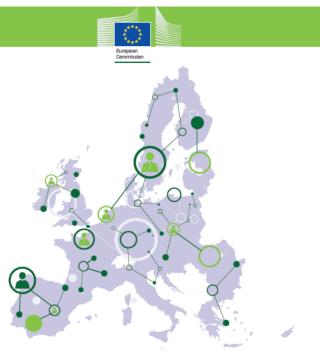


Objective: support spreading good practice which can be adapted to the specific situations in different Member States

- Quality-controlled
- Light
- Flexible
- Rapid
- Targeted

Expert missions, study visits and workshops can be financed.

All information, registration links and the P2P leaflet in 23 languages are available on the **TAIEX-EIR P2P webpage:**



TAIEX-EIR PEER 2 PEER

A new tool bringing together environmental implementation policy experts

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Main challenges...

- Improving water quality by further reducing nitrates pollution.
- Completing urban wastewater treatment.

Water pollution



Suggested action to LU: address in the plans/programmes drawn under the Water Framework & Nitrates Directives all relevant pressures and implementation gaps, in particular **agricultural pollution**.

Six countries have excellent compliance rates on collection and treatment of **urban wastewater**, but *most* Member States struggle to reach full implementation and *13* face EU legal action.

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... and main opportunities

- Implementing measures for sustainable mobility to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution in and around Luxembourg City.
- Phasing out environmentally harmful subsidies.

Air Quality







16 Member States are facing legal action for exceeding PM10 limit values, and 13 Member States for NO2 exceedances.

Suggested action for LU: Reduce NOx emissions to comply with currently applicable national emission ceilings and/or to reduce NO2 concentrations, inter alia, by reducing transport related emissions - in particular in urban areas.





Points of excellence

- Best performer in the EU in terms of resource productivity, i.e. how efficient the economy uses material resources to produce wealth.
- Strong public support for circular economy and resource efficiency concretized in initiatives such as the SuperDreckskëscht & Fit4Circularity schemes.





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