



Luxembourg & Environmental Implementation Review

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Introduction video for EU citizens



<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



The EIR cycle



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



28 Country reports with main challenges, opportunities & successes – MS consulted on drafts

Communication: Synthesis report on common trends and challenges

Annex with all **suggested actions**



Inclusive, cross-sectoral, multi-level **country dialogues**

Political exchanges in the Council

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:**

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eir/p2p/index_en.htm



TAIEX-EIR PEER 2 PEER

A new tool bringing together environmental implementation policy experts

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.

... 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.



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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Thank you for your attention

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