



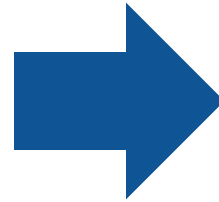
# **TAIEX-REGIO PEER 2 PEER: A TOOL BRINGING TOGETHER COHESION POLICY PRACTITIONERS**

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**How many staff working  
on cohesion policy funds  
in Member States?**



**A lot of experience!**

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## TAIEX-REGIO PEER 2 PEER

- ❑ **What is it?** Instrument to facilitate exchange of experience among Member States on regional development
- ❑ **Target group:** national and regional public administrations in Member States managing investments from the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund
- ❑ **TAIEX:** instrument based on TAIEX approach, experience and infrastructure

## At a glance

- ❑ Started in 2015, continues until 2020
- ❑ 3 years of implementation
- ❑ 130 events
- ❑ 26 Member States
- ❑ 2 000 participants
- ❑ 90% satisfaction

## Most active Member States

### Most active applicants

- ☐ Lithuania
- ☐ Romania
- ☐ Czech Republic
- ☐ Croatia

### Most active providers

- ☐ Poland
- ☐ Netherlands
- ☐ Germany

## Popular topics

- ☐ Management, control, audit
- ☐ Financial instruments
- ☐ Public procurement
- ☐ State aid
- ☐ Sectors: environment, transport, energy, urban, SMEs

# Lithuanians visit Borås city in Sweden, the winner of European Access City Award



# Series of exchanges in 2015-2017 on Financial support to SMEs (SME Initiative)

## The SME Initiative



The SME Initiative is a joint financial instrument of the EC and the EIB Group (the European Investment Bank and European Investment Fund) which aims to stimulate SME financing by providing partial risk cover for SME loan portfolios of originating financial institutions. Alongside the European Structural and Investment Funds ("ESIF") resources contributed by the Member States, the SME Initiative is co-funded by the European Union through COSME and/or Horizon 2020 resources as well as EIB Group resources. **The SME Initiative is currently operational in Bulgaria, Finland, Malta, Romania and Spain.** In the future, it may be extended to other EU Member States.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The SME Initiative Bulgaria
- The SME Initiative Finland
- The SME Initiative Italy
- The SME Initiative Malta
- The SME Initiative Romania
- The SME Initiative Spain



## What does it cost?

### Type of exchange

### Average costs

☐ Workshop

EUR 15 000

☐ Study visit

EUR 5 000

☐ Expert visit

EUR 4 000

# Lessons

- ❑ **Different approach:** learning from peers – appreciated by users
- ❑ **Outcomes:** concrete actions *or* changes in thinking - both useful
- ❑ **Challenges:**
  - unpredictable demand
  - finding the "right match" for study visits
  - "capturing" and disseminating learning outcomes
  - how to support exchanges beyond ad-hoc event
  - continuous promotion needed



## Would like to know more?

PEER 2 PEER website

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