



What is TAIEX?

- <u>TAIEX</u> Technical Assistance and Information Exchange is a European Commission instrument offering short-term **peer-to-peer technical assistance from public experts in EU Member States** to beneficiaries in our **neighbourhood**, in the **EU** and **across the world**.
- TAIEX supports **public administrations** with regard to the approximation, application and enforcement of EU legislation as well as facilitating the sharing of EU best practices.
- TAIEX supports public administrations primarily at central level: judiciary and law enforcement
 authorities, parliamentary administrations, representatives of social partners, trade unions as well as
 employers' associations.
- TAIEX is flexible and largely needs-driven, and delivers tailor-made expertise in three ways: workshops, expert missions and study visits.

TAIEX support to Local Authorities

Since January 2018, TAIEX has supported local authorities in the Western Balkans. Since recently, **TAIEX Support to Local Authorities** can also be activated in other neighbouring countries, as well as globally.

TAIEX Support to Local Authorities is open to all areas of the EU legislation and EU best practices.

Why engaging as a TAIEX expert?

In 2022, TAIEX organised almost 800 events with over 19 000 participants worldwide with the support of 2 800 EU Member State experts. For these peer-to-peer exchanges to succeed, TAIEX relies on public officials employed in EU Member States at central, regional or local level who are keen to share their knowledge and expertise with their peers in our partner countries – also at local level.

Experts engaged by TAIEX will share, but also gain, experience and knowledge as well as best practice in their areas of expertise. In addition to this enriching experience, experts are financially compensated for their involvement — and have travel and accommodation organised and paid for by TAIEX.

We are now looking to expand our expert database, particularly for local level expertise. To get involved, please **register here** via ec.europa.eu/taiex/experts

For more information:

- Interested public officials can consult the <u>Frequently</u> Asked Questions.
- Information on implemented TAIEX events is available through the TAIEX Search tool.
- Specific questions can be sent to: <u>NEAR-C3@ec.europa.eu</u>

TAIEX for Municipalities in the Western Balkans and beyond: from plastic waste management to e-governance

TAIEX and the **municipality of Budva**, **Montenegro**, organised a workshop on plastic waste management with experts from Slovenia and Belgium. Participants discussed incentives for improving recycling in the Adriatic and how to better engage citizens.

In **Serbia**, experts from Croatia and Slovenia exchanged experiences with the **municipalities of Čačak and Užice in Serbia** on multilevel governance, data protection and management and transparency through a workshop and expert mission.

In **Mexico**, representatives of **8 municipalities**, Austria, Belgium, Estonia and Greece gathered in **Guanajuato** and shared experiences on egovernment services, particularly in the field of public finance and taxation.