TAIEX Expert Database
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**General**

**What is TAIEX?**

TAIEX is the *Technical Assistance and Information EXchange* instrument of the European Commission. TAIEX provides short term technical assistance for institution building, in particular in the field of approximation, application and enforcement of the Union acquis and EU Standards, as well as for the promotion of democratic principles, fundamental rights and the rule of law. It is largely demand-driven and delivers appropriate tailor-made expertise to address issues at short notice in three ways: workshops, study visits and expert missions. The beneficiaries of TAIEX are:

- Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey (i.e., beneficiaries of the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II));
- Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, the Republic of Moldova, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine (i.e., beneficiaries of the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI));
- Turkish Cypriot community in the northern part of Cyprus;
- all third countries, regions and territories eligible for measures supported by the Partnership Instrument (PI);
- as well as the European Union Member States in the framework of the administrative cooperation within the policies managed by DG for Regional and Urban Policy.

**What is the TAIEX Expert Database?**

In order to efficiently respond to the requests for assistance from its beneficiaries TAIEX has established a database which acts as a repository of information on public experts who are willing and available to share their expertise in their field of work.

**Data protection**

**What are the privacy statements?**

The data submitted to TAIEX will be administered according to the attached [privacy statement](#), in compliance with [Regulation (EC) No 45/2001](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals

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*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICI Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence  
² This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue  
with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.

**Eligibility**

**I am working in the private sector; can I register in the Expert Database?**

No, the database is exclusively for experts coming from the public administration of one of the 28 EU Member States.

**I am retired from the public sector or I am momentarily not in active service; can I register in the Expert Database?**

If you are retired, you can register in the database, nevertheless, TAIEX considers that two years after retirement you will no longer be eligible to be considered as a TAIEX public expert. You have to mention you status in the following field: “Employment Status” The same applied to those experts who are not in active service for more than two years.
**Registration in the Expert Database**

*What is the difference between a public expert and an institutional contact point?*

An expert must be a Member State Official who has proven expertise in the approximation, implementation or enforcement of EU legislation or EU standards.

An Institutional Contact Point (ICP) is a representative of a public institution working in the approximation, implementation or enforcement of EU legislation. The ICP’s position in the organisation enables them to act as a reference point and to draw on a pool of experts from the institution. The ICP’s cooperation with TAIEX will be on a voluntary and *ad hoc* basis.

*I don’t always have access to my professional email address. Can I indicate my private email address?*

Yes. To register as a public expert and to enable TAIEX to check your affiliation to a public institution, you have to utilise your professional email address. Subsequently, it is possible to include your private email address. You have the option to select it as your main correspondence address but your professional email address still needs to be mentioned.

*I am working for European institutions or International organisation, can I register in the Expert Database?*

Yes, you can register. Under the address of your institution you should select the appropriate option. Please note that in this case specific conditions apply.

In this section you have the possibility to select two chapters of expertise. When indicating your specific area of expertise, you should only select those subchapters in the Directory of Community legislation which are most relevant to your current or previous experience.

*What should I indicate in the “Keywords” section?*

For each chapter there is a predefined list of keywords. This list is not exhaustive and you have to select at least one of the most relevant keywords to define your expertise.
**What should I indicate in the field “EU Legislation”?**

You may also want to provide background information in the "EU legislation" box. Please refer in the boxes to your current or previous work experience directly related to EU legislation and use Celex (e.g. 31990L0384) or Natural numbers (e.g. Directive 90/984/EC) when referencing it.

**Do I have to upload my CV?**

Yes, to ensure a high quality of expertise provided, TAIEX looks for the best match between the demand and the experts’ profile. When your CV is up to date, you have more chances to be contacted by TAIEX, as such you should upload a recently updated version of your CV, preferably in English as this is the working language of TAIEX.

**Access to your profile**

**I forgot my password. How can I reset it?**

Once you try to log in, you have two buttons appearing on the window: “login” and “lost password”. Click on lost password, you will have to indicate your email address with which you register. You will then get an email with a link which will allow you to reset your password. You have to indicate a new password which contains at least six characters.

**What happens once I registered in the Expert Database?**

If TAIEX identifies a need for expertise fitting your profile you might be contacted by us to participate as an expert in a workshop or an expert mission or to host a study visit.

Once a month you will receive an automatic email informing you of the recent requests received in your field of expertise. You are able to react if you are interested in taking part in one of the listed assignments.

**How does TAIEX look for the experts?**

When using the TAIEX Expert Database to find experts, TAIEX utilise search functions provided in the database. In the main, the search functions on Legislation and Keywords are used, following which a list of potential experts is provided. In order to narrow the list of potential experts down, TAIEX read the comments provided by the experts to determine if the potential expert has the necessary experience for the event that the staff member is organising. In order to further narrow the list of potential experts down the CV of the expert is consulted.
The provision of a concise summary in the Comments field will provide TAIEX with an overall view of your past and present experience and will make it easier for TAIEX to identify the specific expertise that you have. By completing your registration in this way you will increase your chances of being selected for a TAIEX event.

**Assignments**

*To what does the “Assignments” section correspond?*

Once registered, you will have access from your profile to ongoing and past assignments. This section is the former Expert Stock Exchange which has been integrated into the new Expert Database. You are able to check the details of the approved assistance requests submitted to TAIEX by the beneficiaries and express your interest in the event. If your profile corresponds to the expertise needed you will be contacted by TAIEX.

*How can I search for assignments corresponding to my expertise?*

By clicking on the advanced search button, you get the possibility to search assignments by different elements:

- **Event ID:** each event gets a 5 digit number when registered
- **Event category:** this corresponds to the form of assistance requested and it can be either a workshop, an expert mission of a study visit.
- **Requesting beneficiary/partner:** This relates to the beneficiary/partner country who submitted the application
- **Keyword search:** this list of keywords corresponds to the one which is used by the experts when registering in the database.
- **Assignments between:** the assignments can be sorted by a specific period of time in which the assignment is expected the take place.

Once you selected your criteria, hit the search button and you get a list of assignments corresponding to your research criteria.

If you are interest in one of the assignments you can click on the pencil icon to express your interest. The colleague in charge of the organisation of the event receives an automatic email with your expression of interest and your contact details. If expertise is still needed and if your profile fits the requirements, you may be contacted.
Contacts

Only in case of problem with the registering in the Expert Database, you can address your questions to NEAR-taiex-experts@ec.europa.eu.