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Dear Colleague National Contact Point,

We are happy to share with you the 2014 Activity Report for TAIEX and Twinning.

This Activity Report gives an overview of the TAIEX and Twinning activities performed in 2014 and provides in-depth information with regards to the two technical assistance instruments managed by the Institution Building Unit of the European Commission's Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, DG NEAR.

The 2014 edition reflects already our DG's organisational changes by reporting on the assistance provided to both enlargement and neighbourhood administrations. Eight success stories illustrate the large scope of long-lasting effects produced by short-term and long-term assistances. Moreover, an insight into the main areas of assistance of TAIEX is provided to you for the total of 1660 activities organised.

Moreover, we take this opportunity to announce the broadening of scope of the TAIEX instrument through new collaborations with the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) and with the Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO). Since the 1st January 2015, TAIEX became available worldwide under the Partnership Instrument with the aim of strengthening cooperation with EU partners and advance common values and mutual interests. More recently, DG REGIO identified a need of expertise and best practice exchange among Member States public service officials who deal with the European Regional Development and Cohesion Funds. As a result, on 24th March the new TAIEX-REGIO PEER2PEER platform was launched enabling Member States to benefit from TAIEX assistance.

Hoping that you will appreciate our yearly Activity Report, we thank you for your continuous collaboration and look forward to meeting you next 28th April in Helsinki, on the occasion of our annual TAIEX NCP meeting 2015.

Yours sincerely,


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