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# TAIEX-EIR online Workshop on Best Practice in Environmental Governance

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## **Aim of the Workshop:**

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This workshop is organised in the framework of [TAIEX-EIR Peer 2 Peer](#), a programme launched by the European Commission as a practical tool that facilitates peer-to-peer learning between environmental authorities of EU Member States. In this peer learning event, experts from Belgium and Italy share their knowledge and experience in Europe.

The aim of this expert mission is to provide a forum for dialogue and the presentation of best practice on circular economy, waste and urban wastewater treatment. Case studies explaining the practices implemented at the regional level will be presented to demonstrate national and regional competences, legislative and administrative tools, methods of interaction between administrations and stakeholders, which can be utilised to support the implementation of the EU environmental legislation and environmental governance in general. Practical solutions will also be presented to facilitate further improvement in coordination, administrative capacity, enforcement and implementation of the relevant EU Directives at the regional level.

## **Background**

“The total costs for society of current environmental implementation gaps are around EUR 55 billion annually”. The experience of Coronavirus, economic crisis and the perspective of the recovery in the framework of the European Commission proposals, starting from the Green Deal, make even more important to be able to grant efficiency, coherence and timely and correct implementation of the environmental policies.

With the 2019 Environmental Implementation Review, the European Commission suggests Italy to “address the fragmented implementation of environmental policy at regional and local levels by developing better national-level coordination mechanisms for the environment”. Moreover, the European Commission points out the Italian governance best practices. Among which there are the case studies presented during the cycle of seminars and dialogues set up by the Cinsedo, within the “*Training Programme on European Policies*” taking place annually since 2013 for Italian regional officers.

The Commission invites Member States to act on the Environmental Implementation Review findings and to use the country reports as a basis for further discussion. The best practices exchange among Italian Regions has been launched by Cinsedo within the “*Training Programme on European Policies*”. With the same objective, an insight beyond the national boundaries is needed, in order to widen the perspective towards other European Regions. This first European interregional dialogue will take place with Belgium. Indeed, in their respective Country Reports 2019, Italy and Belgium share the same recommendation: to further improve their overall environmental governance.

After a short introduction on the allocation of competences between State and Regions in the environmental field in Belgium and Italy, the dialogue will focus on the exchange of best practice in two sectors: Municipal Waste management in the circular economy

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perspective, and Urban Waste Water treatment. The relevant chapters of the 2019 EIR Country Reports are chapter 1, 3 and 5.

The Dialogue will offer the opportunity to learn from the exchange of best practices going through case studies at regional level. It will shed light on the national and regional competences, legislative and administrative tools, interaction between administrations and stakeholders, concrete tools supporting the implementation of the EU environmental legislation. Also problems and practical solutions in terms of governance would be explored, in order to facilitate further improvement in coordination, administrative capacity, enforcement and implementation of the relevant EU Directives at regional level. This dialogue launches a Peer2Peer exchange in the EIR framework, which could be furtherly developed in the next months.

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## Speakers:

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- **Mr. Piervito Lagioia**  
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- **Mr. Mario Nova**  
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## Monday 26 October 2020

**Chair: Mr Andrea Ciaffi**, Director “European and International Affairs”, Conference of the Italian Regions and Autonomous Provinces

**Venue:** video tele conference

09:30	<b>Event starts /technical introduction/solving participants’ issues</b>  Short speech how this webinar works, how it is structured, how to communicate  <i>Registration of participants</i>
	Welcome address: <b>Mr. Andrea Ciaffi</b> , Director “European and International Affairs”, Conference of the Italian Regions and Autonomous Provinces
10:00	<b>Environmental competences at regional level: Belgium and Italy</b>  Chair: <b>Mr. Paolo Fossati</b> , Director “Environment, Energy, Infrastructure”, Conference of the Italian Regions and Autonomous Provinces  Speakers: - <b>Ms Marnik Decock</b> , Region of Flanders (Belgium) - <b>Mr Mario Nova</b> , Lombardy Region (Italy)
10:30	<b>Exchange of best practices</b> Chair – <b>Mr. Jonathan Parker</b> – Senior Expert, DG ENV, European Commission  • <b>Waste management and Circular Economy (BE and IT)</b> Speakers: <b>Ms Lieze Cloots</b> , Region of Flanders (Belgium) <b>Ms. Cristina Govoni</b> , Emilia – Romagna Region (Italy)
11:15	• <b>Urban Waste Water Treatment (BE and IT)</b> Speakers: <b>Mr. Steven Van den Broeck</b> , Region of Flanders (Belgium) <b>Mr. Piervito Lagioia</b> , Acquedotto Pugliese SpA, Puglia (Italy)
12:00	<i>Break</i>
12:15	<b>Discussion</b> Chair: <b>Mr. Paolo Fossati</b>  <i>Experts and participants from regional and national authorities</i>

12:45	<b>Wrap up</b> Chair: Mr. <b>Jonathan Parker</b>  Speakers: <b>Ms Cristina Govoni</b> , Emilia – Romagna Region (Italy) <b>Ms Lieze Cloots</b> , Region of Flanders (Belgium) <b>Mr. Piervito Lagioia</b> , Acquedotto Pugliese SpA (Italy) <b>Mr. Steven Van den Broeck</b> , Region of Flanders (Belgium) <b>Mr. Marnik Decock</b> , Region of Flanders (Belgium) <b>Mr. Mario Nova</b> , Lombardy Region (Italy)
13:45	End of Workshop

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