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# TAFTIE – The European Network of Innovation Agencies

TAFTIE is the European Association of leading national innovation agencies.

Its Members make a major contribution to strengthening Europe's economic performance by supporting product, process and services innovation by implementing their countries' national and international Research, Development and Innovation Programmes.





TAFTIE is a network aiming at supporting its members to fulfil their respective mandates in the RTI policy implementation by providing supranational training, access to expert knowledge, peer learning, and benchmarking.

#### Taftie does so by

- being a forum for the exchange of knowledge and experience, for benchmarking and mutual learning between its members, innovation agencies in Europe, and with its International Partners;
- serving as a platform for groups of members to gather for joint action, such as :
  - providing access to their experiences, knowledge and opinions on implementation practices to serve as input for discussion with national authorities and the European commission
  - activities to enhance the impact of the members' activities according to their respective mandate.
- acting as access point to external partners for collaborations and exchanges with interested groups of its members
- actively fostering exchanges and collaborations with international innovation agencies.





#### TAFTIE - Members

32 organisations28 European countries

#### International partners

New insights and a different angle coming from organisations outside the EU playing field can help the network to improve.

FINEP (Brazil)

KIAT (Korea)

NRC (Canada)

NEDO (Japan).





- Voluntary participation (e.g. Taskforces, Academy, ...)
- TAFTIE encompasses the heterogeneity that the EC needs to address in the EU R&I landscape

- No Brussels office
- No decision-taking sub-authority
  - No TAFTIE single voice positions

- Trust
- Cooperation in information sharing and exchange
- Facilitation of effective and efficient interaction on specific topics between member agencies first contact for a specific topic for easier access to knowledge

TAFTIE does not strive to achieve common positions on innovation policy matters

TAFTIE does not organize, provide or subcontract any operational activities in the field of direct innovation support

## 2020 chairmanship

#### TAFTIE - Current Task Forces, Networks and Ad hoc Groups

- ◆ Task Force Experiment! FFG
- ♦ High Potential SME Community BPI France
- ♦ Network on Benchmarking: update CTDI, HAMAG-BICRO & TA ČR
- ♦ State aid Network Business Finland
- ◆ Task Force Diversity & Inclusion Innovate UK
- ◆ TAFTIE Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion
- Working Group on Innovation-driven high potentials VLAIO
- ◆ Draft Proposal: Task force on Characterization of TAFTIE's member agencies IF

#### **TAFTIE – Academy**

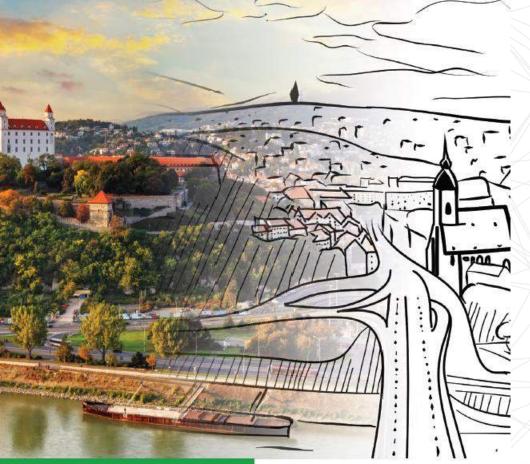
Created to improve the skills of the member organizations' staff and the quality of its processes.

The portfolio of the TAFTIE-Academy is complementary to the agency's internal offer and should enable to learn e.g. about innovation policy and RTI programme management in tailored trainings.



### **TAFTIE – Chairmanship and their themes**

- ◆ 2020 ANI Agência Nacional de Inovação Portugal Building Bridges for the Future
- ◆ 2021 SIEA Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency Slovakia Innovation for Sustainable Future
- ◆ 2022 Innovate UK UK



## **TAFTIE – Possible Areas for Collaboration with EnR**

- Learning from each other
  - ♦ Exchange on best practices on the European Green Deal
    - ◆ Identify TAFTIE agencies who may be interested in exchanges with EnR on best practices and possible joint action, e.g., on dialogue with the EU Commission (and influence on EU policy design and R&I programmes)

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