



# *TAIEX*

## Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Instrument

### 2013

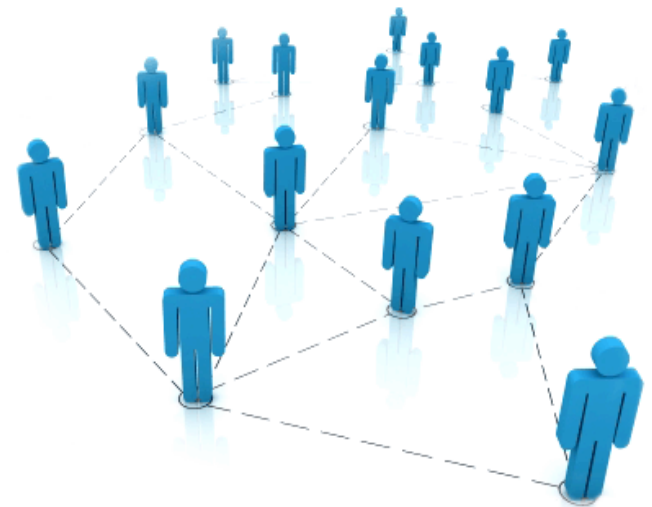
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# Mission Statement

*Supports beneficiary countries in understanding, transposing, implementing and applying EU policies, legislation, rules – the acquis*

## ***TAIEX: a success story***

- *Ownership – demand driven*
- *Gap-filling - Focused on the EU acquis*
- *Responsiveness - Short-term and flexible instrument*
- *Peer-to-peer →  
Expertise from EU MS*



## Beneficiaries

- *Pre-accession assistance (IPA): Candidate countries and Potential Candidates*
- *Countries covered by the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) and Russia*
- *Turkish Cypriot community*



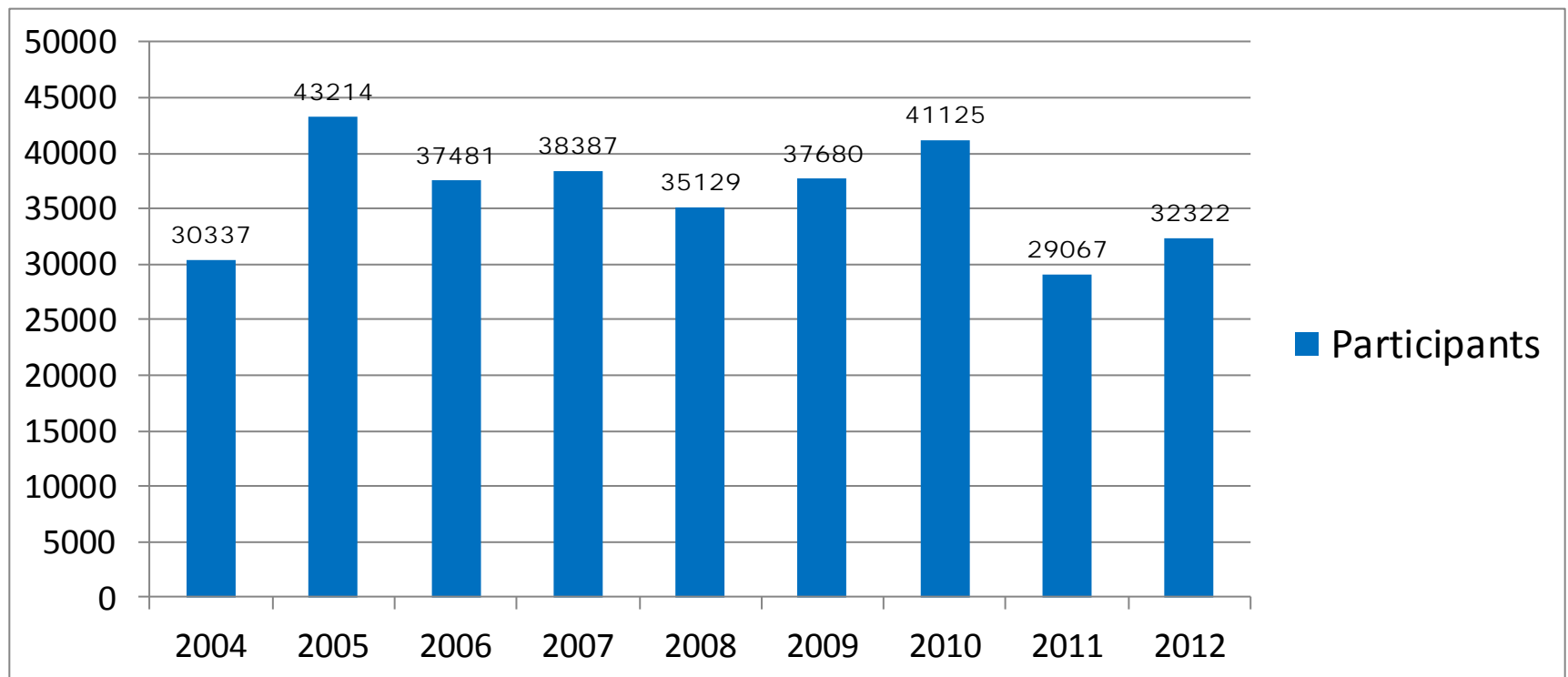
\* Under UNSCR 1244/1999

## Beneficiary groups

- *Central Governments, Ministries, Government bodies, Regulators*
- *National Parliaments*
- *Judiciary*
- *Social Partners\**
- *Professional associations\**

*\* Only exceptionally if actors play a clear role in the implementation of the EU acquis*

# Participants at TALEX activities



## Main areas covered

- *Justice and Home Affairs*
- *Internal Market, Customs, Employment and Social Policy*
- *Agriculture and Food Safety*
- *Environment, Energy, Transport and Telecommunications*

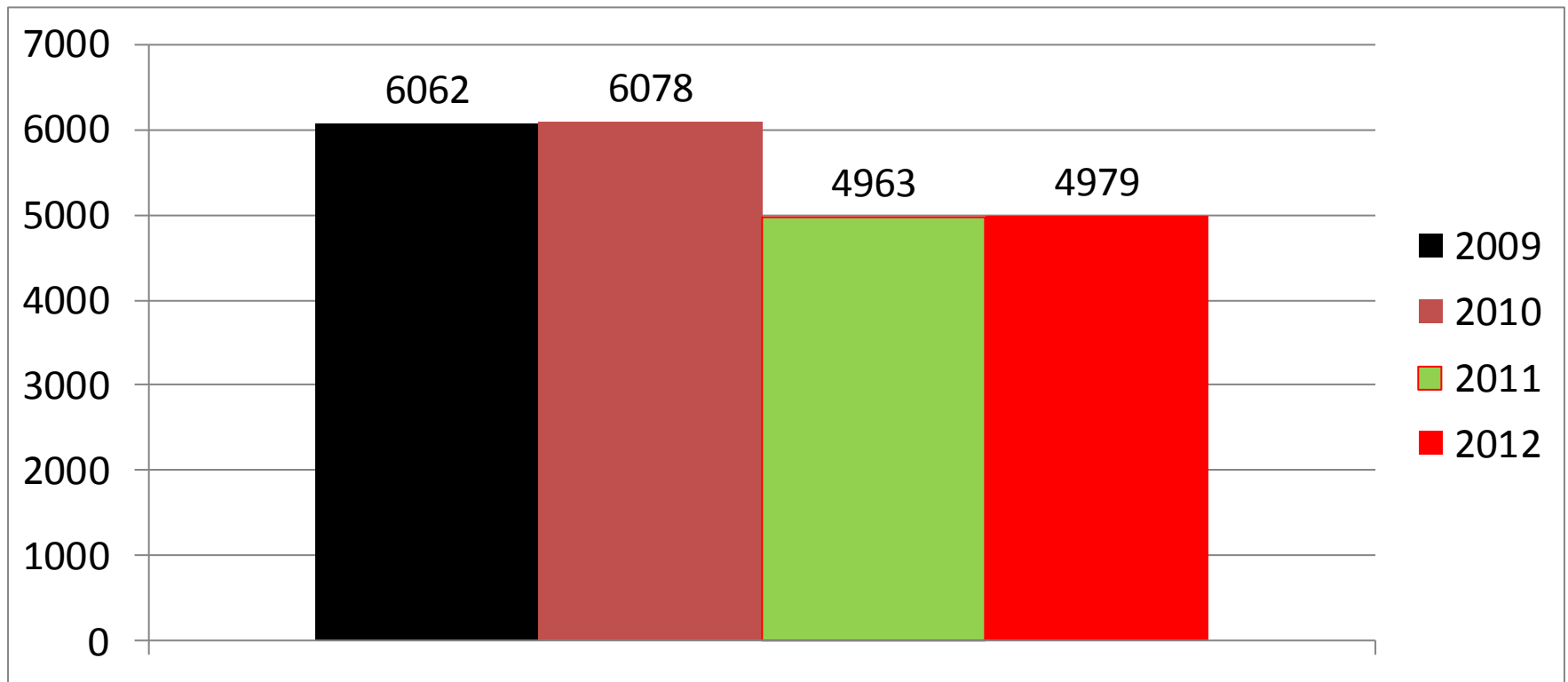


## "Peer to Peer" Expertise

*Mobilised experts are almost exclusively EU Member States' public-sector officials*

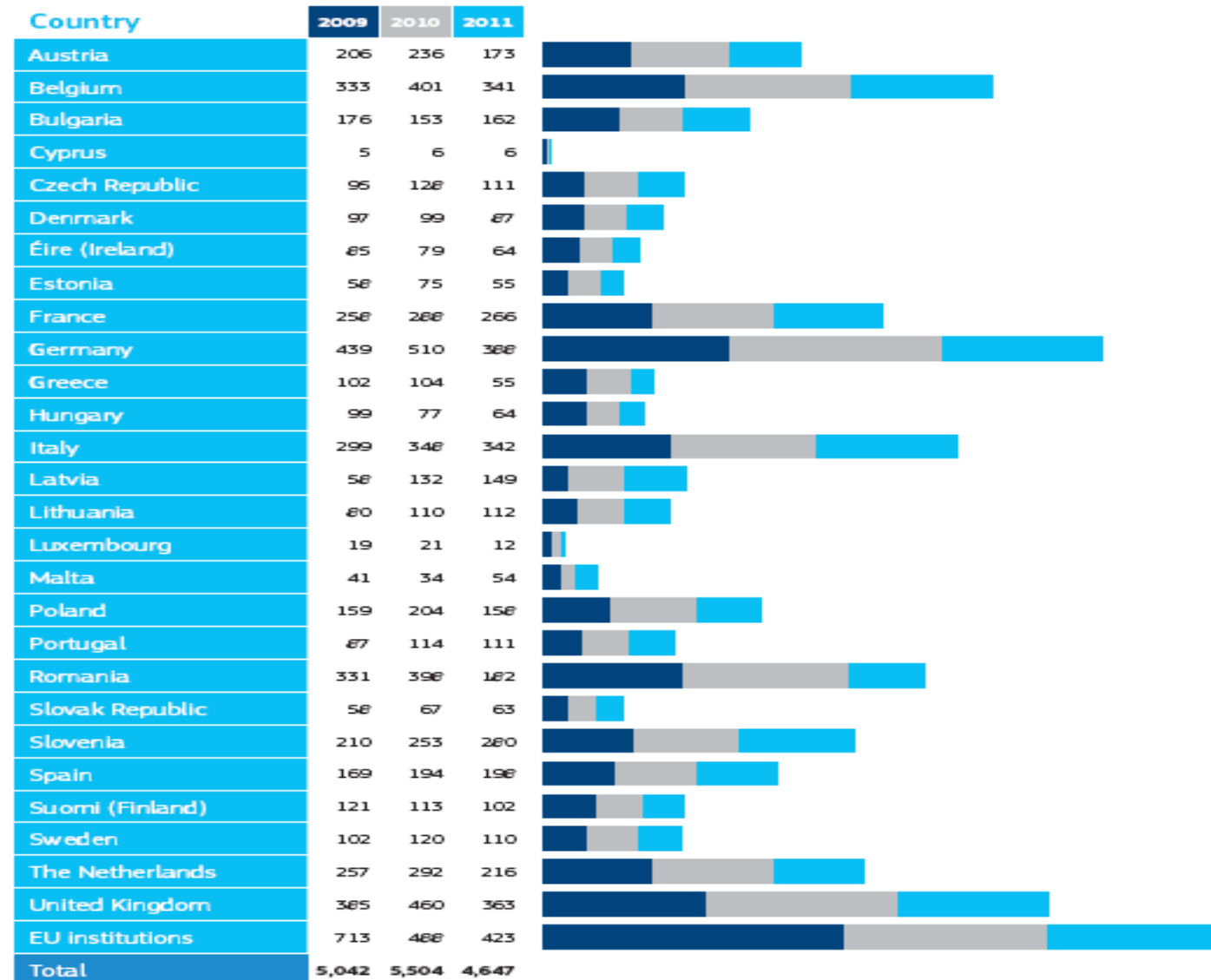
*Commission's and other EU Institutions' officials are sometimes involved*

## Experts mobilised in TAIEX activities





## Country of origin of TALEX experts<sup>3</sup>



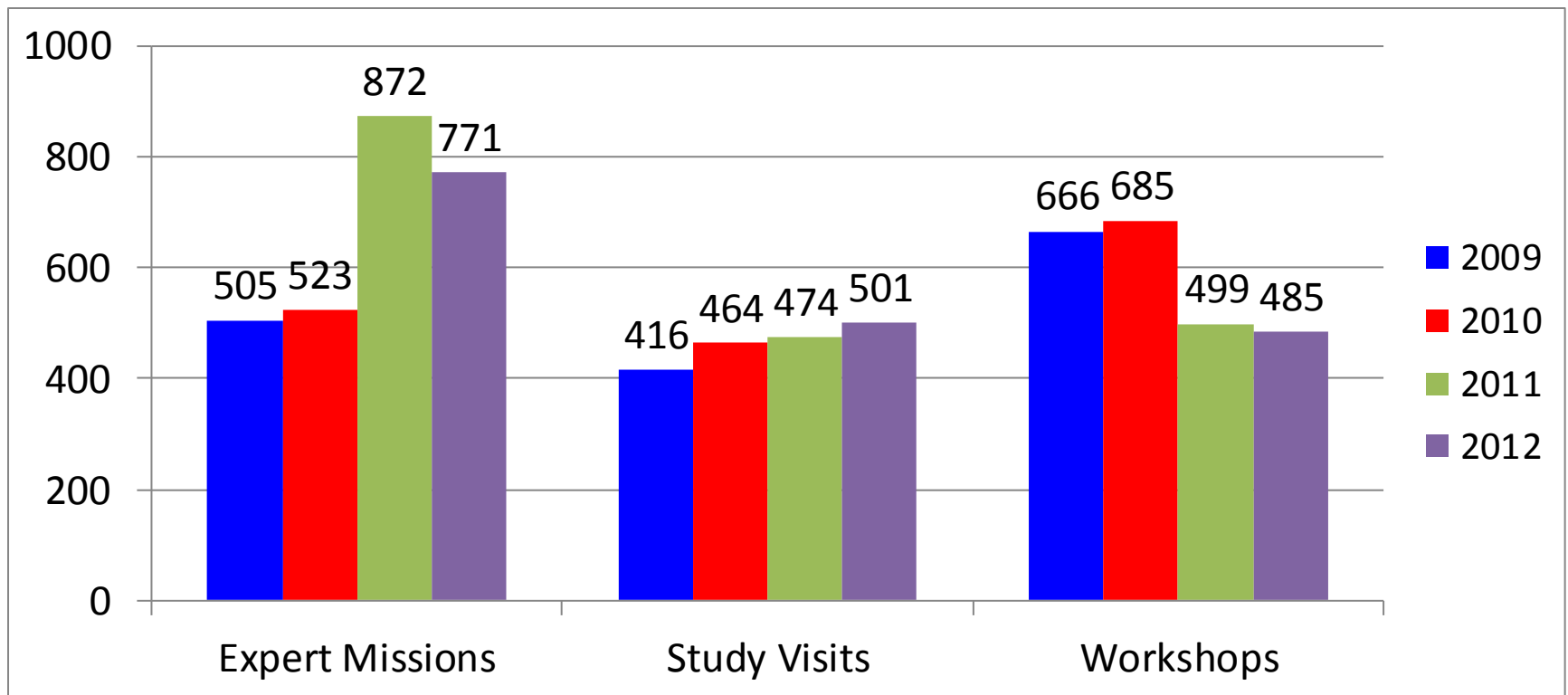
(3) Only speakers from MS and EU institutions.

## Forms of assistance

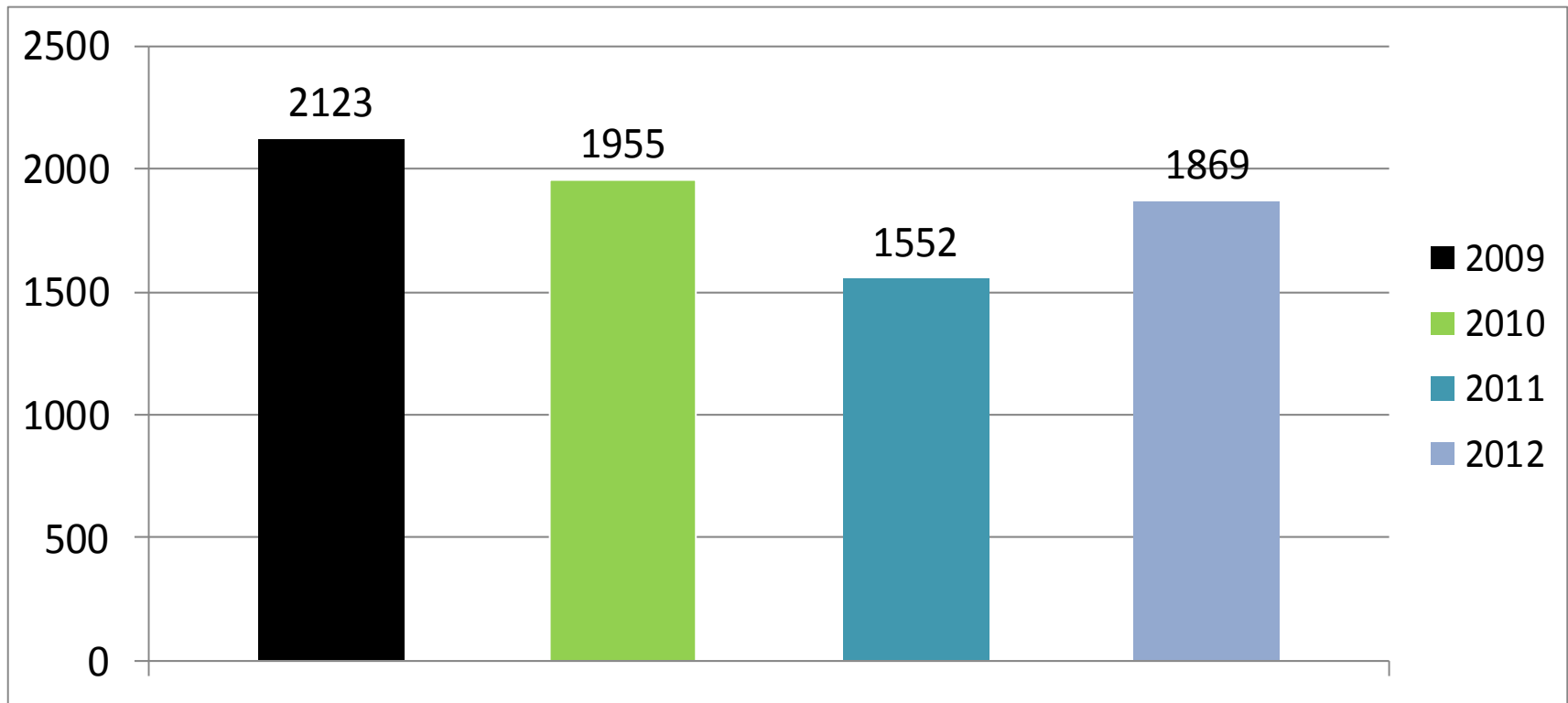
*Classic TAIEX assistance delivered through:*

- *Workshops – single or multi-beneficiary*
- *Expert Missions*
- *Study Visits*

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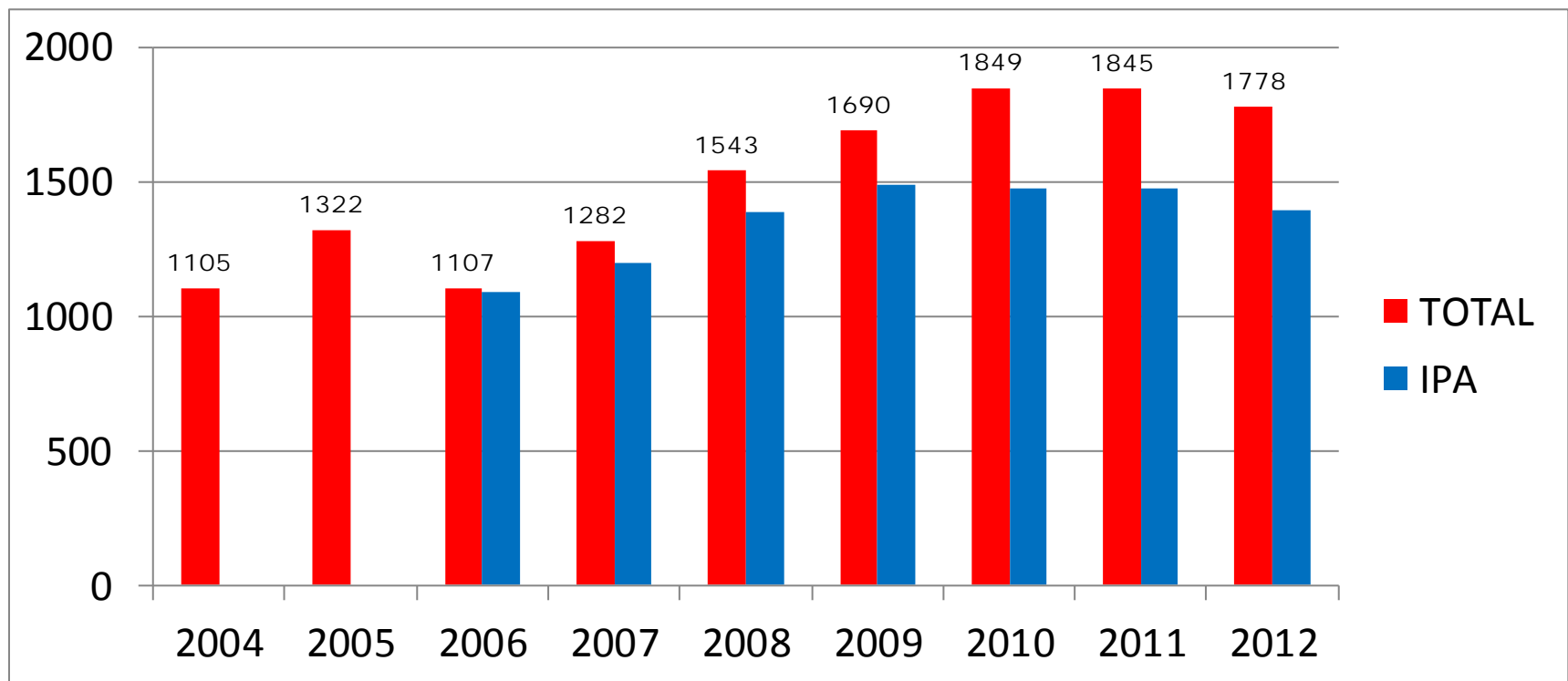


## Number of Requests since 2009



# TAIEX Events since 2005

## Total and IPA



# Activation

*Requests are primarily generated by the beneficiary countries*

*Suggestions from Commission services are also considered*



## How long does it take?

*TAIEX can deliver quickly the requested assistance*

*On average, from the submission of the application to the dispatching of an expert it takes a minimum of 6-8 weeks*

*About 10 weeks for the organisation of a workshop*

## How to apply?

*Application forms available via the website*  
*<http://taiaex.ec.europa.eu>*

*Letter, fax, e-mail (under the condition that the basic information requested in the application form is provided) through the National Contact Point for TAIEX*

# Who decides?

- *All applications are submitted for opinion to the National Contact Point (NCP), the EU Delegation and the competent Commission services.*
- *The European Commission takes the final decision*

# Selection criteria

## *The EU legislation (acquis)*

- *The acquis is the body of common rights and obligations that is binding on all the Member States of the European Union*
- *For the purpose of TAIEX assistance we mainly refer to the legislation adopted pursuant to the Treaties, particularly in the form of: Directives, Regulations, Decisions*

# Logistical arrangements

*TAIEX covers all the costs related to the provision of its assistance*

*For Workshops:*

- ✓ *Hotel and travel costs for EU MS experts*
- ✓ *Meeting room rental (if in a hotel)*
- ✓ *Interpretation (including equipment)*
- ✓ *Catering (lunch, coffee)*

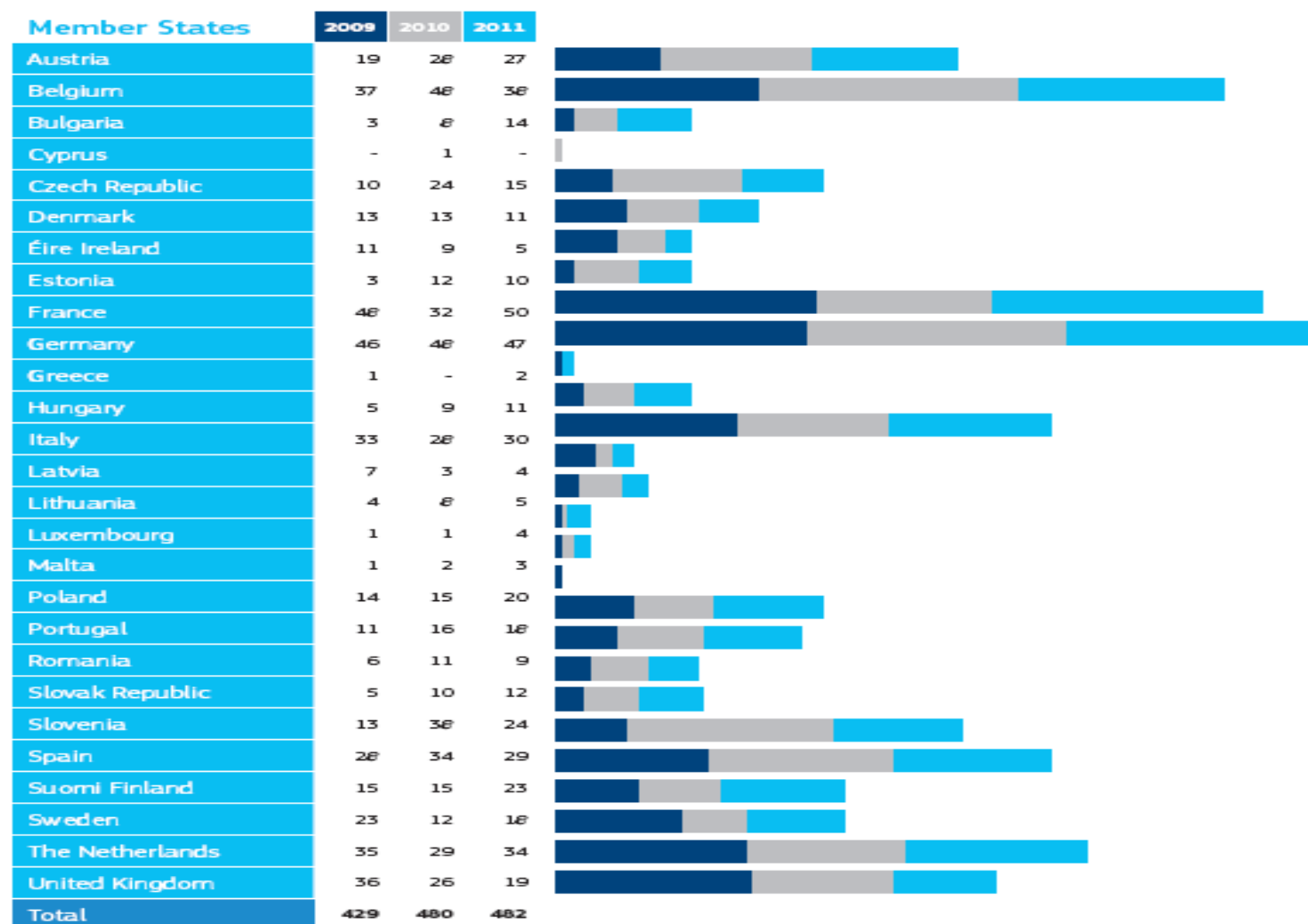
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## For Study Visits:

- ✓ *Limited to maximum 3 participants*
- ✓ *Duration from 2 to 5 days maximum*
- ✓ *Interpretation (only in exceptional cases)*
- ✓ *TAIEX covers flight costs, hotel and daily allowances for participants*

*Advisable to establish contact with hosting institution beforehand*

## Study visits to Member States (host countries)



# Logistical arrangements

## For Expert Missions:

- ✓ *Duration 5 days maximum*
- ✓ *No interpretation in principle*
- ✓ *TAIEX covers flight costs, hotel and daily allowances for EU Member States' expert*





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