

# IRI & National peer reviews



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## of IRI

2001 first IRI

23 member states have had an IRI

5 have had two IRI's!

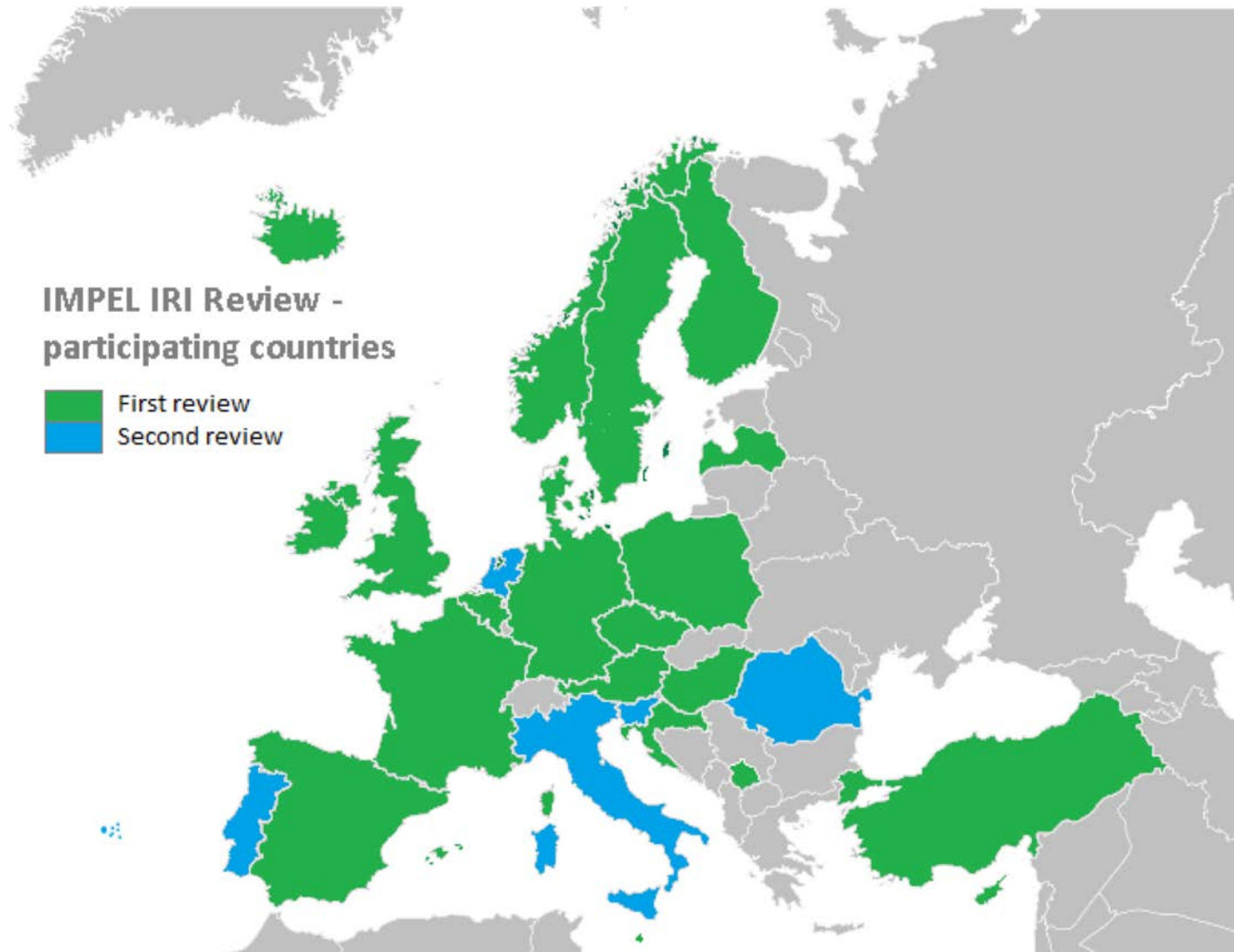
2 Have been green IRI's

202 Impel colleagues have been part of an IRI team



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# Executed IRI' s



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# The basics of IRI

- IRI = peer review of an inspectorate and/or a permitting authority
- To date, focus on industry (IED & Seveso) or nature (e.g illegal killing of birds & Natura 2000)
- A team consists of 6 – 7 members: team leader, rapporteur and 4 -5 team members\*
- IRI starts with a pre-meeting with host, team leader and rapporteur (1 day)
- Review itself 2– 4 days (depending on focus)

\*team members are experts in their field (waste, seveso, nature protection) confident with English language & able and willing to speak up



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# Organisation of IRI



1. Host contacts IRI ambassador
2. IRI ambassador prepares with host the focus of IRI and team
3. Team leader and rapporteur are appointed
4. Team members are requested (through host or national coordinator). CV's are sent out to team
5. Pre meeting is held (including management)
6. Team is briefed and review is carried out



# Time



	Preparation	Pre meeting	IRI	Report	Total
Ambassador (1)	2 days			1/2 day <u>pp</u>	20 <u>hrs</u>
Host and host-members (2-3)	1 day <u>pp</u>	1 day <u>pp</u>	4 days <u>pp</u>	1 day <u>pp</u>	56 <u>hrs pp</u>
Team Leader	1 day	2 days ( <u>incl</u> travel)	4 days	2 days	72 <u>hrs</u>
Rapporteur	1 day	2 days ( <u>incl</u> travel)	4 days	4 days	88 <u>hrs</u>
Team members (6)	1 day <u>pp</u>		4 days <u>pp</u>	1/2 day <u>pp</u>	44 <u>h</u>



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# Results of IRI's 2015/2016



- Romania
- changes in legislation
  - increase in resources for (green) inspections
- Austria
- development of an annual inspection programme
  - new goals, priorities and objectives
  - set of an annual theme to focus on
  - new inspection plan
- Turkey
- results were used when revising the by-law for environment Inspections and the Strategic Plan for 2018 – 2022
  - more combined inspections
- Czech Republic
- focus on stability and security of data
  - development of training plans
  - use of performance indicators
- Italy
- increased number of raids and operations
  - development of national reviews



# Quotes of IRI's 2015/2016

- It was stimulating, stressful and innovative (Italy)
- It was challenging and supportive (Kosovo)
- We found it to be very professional (Romania)
- It raised awareness with management (Austria)
- The proposed solutions were very helpful (Austria)
- We had relevant discussions (Austria)
- It gave us an 'helicopter view'; why do we do this? (Turkey)
- Management was sceptical at first but very pleased afterwards (Czech Republic)
- Happy with the high quality of final report; simple English (Czech Republic)
- IRI met our expectations and overloaded us with information and opportunities to develop (Kosovo)





# Reasons for IRI

- Shows commitment to EU law
- Evaluates and benchmarks your own system
- Exports your own good & best practices
- Imports good & best practice of others
- External validation, not influenced by historical or cultural issues
- Helps you compare with the country assessments on transposition and implementation regarding EU membership application process



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# Wishes

- More time to the discuss findings of the team
- More time to present the report to management
- Simultaneous translation and translation of project report (especially for management)
- Follow up meeting on implementation of opportunities for development
- Support teams for the implementation of the recommendations



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# Changes

- Tailor-made IRI's
- Revised questionnaire
- Compact report
- Implementation teams
- Involvement of senior management
- Review of the IRI's every 3 years



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# New developments/ideas

- Water, land, and waste IRI's
- IRI on Environmental Impact Assessment
- More communication on results and IRI plans
- Training for team leaders and rapporteurs
- Involvement of partners in the compliance chain such as prosecutors, police and judges
- Spread good practice among ALL member states
- Go back to host after 1-2 years and ask what has been done with the report
- Development of national peer reviews



# Questions?



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