

The European Parliamentary Technology Assessment (EPTA) Network

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EPTA: Basic information

- EPTA = European Parliamentary Technology Assessment
- Network, no association, light organisational structure
- Currently 18 members (max. 1 per country)
- Founded in 1992
- Annually rotating presidencies, currently Austria

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Membership criteria

Full membership:

- operates in Europe (as defined by Council of Europe),
- is devoted to TA or related activities,
- serves the parliament,
- has its own budget and secretariat,
- has a competence regarding issues with a scientific and technological component

Associate membership:

- one of the above criteria is not met, e.g. doesn't operate in Europe

Observer status:

- invited by presidency,
- failing on more than one of the above criteria

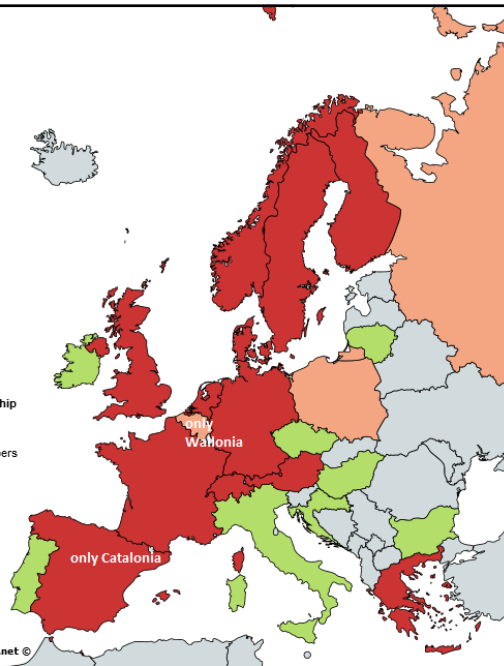
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Members and observers in Europe

EPTA membership

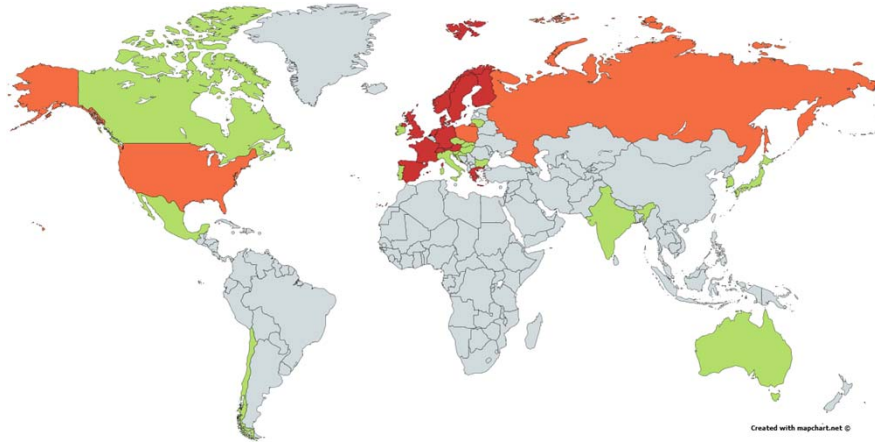
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Associate members and observers in the world



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Activities

- Directors' meeting
(annual 3-days working retreat in the current presidency's country)
- Council meeting
(annual 1/2-day organisational session in the presidency's capital)
- Conference
(annual 1-day symposium in the presidency's parliament)
- Practitioners' meeting
(biannual 3-days working retreat of staff of EPTA members)
- Common projects
 - Annual comparative report on conference topic
 - Occasional major collaborative project

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EPTA projects

- The future of labour in the digital era (2016)
- Innovation and climate change (2015)
- Productivity in Europe and the United States (2014)
- Energy transition in Europe (2006)
- Genetically modified plants and food (2006-2008)
- ICT and privacy in Europe (2004-2006)

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EPTA in the Internet

- **eptanetwork.org**
 - Members' profiles
 - Policy-briefs database
 - Projects database
 - News feed
- } Powered by TA Portal
technology-assessment.info
- facebook.com/EPTA.Network/
 - en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Parliamentary_Technology_Assessment
 - de.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Parliamentary_Technology_Assessment

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The future of EPTA

- Widening?
 - PACITA impetus: more activities in Europe
 - Growing interest from all over the world
- Deepening?
 - More exchange (e.g. policy briefs)
 - More cooperation in public relations
 - More common projects

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Thank you for your attention!

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