

PEER FACTS AND FIGURES

PEER members are dedicated exclusively to environmental research with a predominant focus on the interaction between man and the environment, developing concepts and methods that contribute to sustainable development. They address complex environmental challenges across all environmental compartments and spatial as well as temporal scales, integrating natural sciences, social sciences and engineering, and linking basic and applied research. The research activities of the PEER members are carried out in scientific autonomy through multi-annual strategic research programmes, agreed with governmental stakeholders and financed predominantly through public budgets allocated by institutional or competitive means.

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PEER MEMBER INSTITUTES

ALTERRA – Wageningen UR

Headquarters: Wageningen, The Netherlands – Parent Body: Wageningen University & Research Centre
Staff: 500 | Budget: 51 Million Euro

CEH – Centre for Ecology and Hydrology

Headquarters: Wallingford, United Kingdom – Parent Body: Natural Environment Research Council
Staff: 600 | Budget: 50 Million Euro

CEMAGREF – Centre for Agricultural and Environmental Engineering Research

Headquarters: Antony, France
Staff: 1300 | Budget: 82 Million Euro

NERI – National Environmental Research Institute

Headquarters: Roskilde, Denmark
Parent body: University of Aarhus
Staff: 450 | Budget: 35 Million Euro

JRC-IES – Institute for Environment and Sustainability

Headquarters: Ispra, Italy
– Parent Body: European Commission – Joint Research Centre
Staff: 430 | Budget: 40 Million Euro

SYKE

- Finnish Environment Institute

Headquarters: Helsinki, Finland
Staff: 600 | Budget: 45 Million Euro

UFZ - Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research

Headquarters: Leipzig, Germany
Staff: 820 | Budget: 60 Million Euro

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VISION

The vision of the Partnership for European Environmental Research (PEER) is to be a world leader in integrating knowledge and expertise for sustainable development.

MISSION

The mission of PEER is:

- to build a strategic partnership of major European public environmental research centres;
- to lead a European Research Area that strengthens the knowledge base for the sustainable development of a changing world;
- and to foster innovative interdisciplinary research and cross-cutting approaches in support of national and European policy-makers, industry and society.

HISTORY

On the 10th of August 2001 in Helsinki five leading national environmental research centres in Europe decided to found the "Partnership for European Environmental Research Initiative" (PEER) with the aim of combining their forces in order to follow a joint strategy in environmental sciences and to enhance research on ecological sustainability. This co-operation was confirmed by a Framework Agreement signed on the 25th of June 2002 in Roskilde.

Presently, PEER has seven member organisations employing together 4500 persons and having a combined annual budget of 340 Million Euro. The PEER institutes have a long-term experience of participation in major international networks and programmes and are actively involved in a considerable number of running and planned projects of the EU RTD Framework Programmes.

MAJOR ROLE IN INSTITUTIONAL NETWORKS

CONNECT - Network of European Biodiversity Research Institutes

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LANDSCAPE EUROPE - European Network of Expertise on Landscapes

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EURAQUA - Network of European Freshwater Research Organisations

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AQUILA - Network of European Air Quality Reference Laboratories

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ESBN - European Soil Bureau Network

MAJOR ROLE IN COMPETITIVE PROJECTS

ALTERNET - A long-term Biodiversity, Ecosystem and Awareness Research Network (Network of Excellence)

ALARM - Assessing of large scale environmental risks with tested methods (Integrated Project)

NOMIRACLE - Novel methods for integrated risk assessment of cumulative stressors in Europe (Integrated Project)

SENSOR - Sustainability Impact Assessment: Tools for Environmental, Social and Economic Effects of Multifunctional Land Use in European Regions (Integrated Project)

METIER - Methods in Interdisciplinary Environmental Research (Marie Curie Series of Events)