



Presentation of PEER

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PEER in a nutshell



- created in August 2001
- driven by the idea of creating a European (Environmental) Research Area
- PEER today: 8 members / 6,100 staff (3,000 researcher) / about €630 million budget (€300 million core budget)



PEER member characteristics

PEER members are



- are large European research centres dedicated exclusively to environmental research with a predominant focus on the interaction between man and the environment,
- cover a wide range of environmental sciences developing concepts and methods that contribute to a sustainable development,
- do basic research as well as applied research and apply an interdisciplinary approach that combines natural sciences, social sciences as well as engineering,
- are independent research centres financed mainly through public budgets,
- organise their research activities mostly in multi-annual strategic research programmes.



PEER vision & mission

Vision

 To be a world leader in integrating knowledge and expertise for sustainable development.

Mission



- 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.



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PEER activities

- Share information / expertise / facilities
- Joint research projects (EU funded and based on own funds)
- PEER Working Groups and Seminars
- Communication / Public Relation

PEER Position Papers

e.g. PEER Response to EC consultation on Horizon 2020 work programme (8 April 2016)





PEER response to the stakeholder consultation



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PEER sharing expertise: our genetic code

Торіс	ALTERRA	CEH	CIENS	IRSTEA	JRC-IES	DCE	SYKE	UFZ
Climate Change								
Atmosphere								
Marine								
Water								
Soils, Forests, Agriculture								
Biodiversity and Land Use								
Fragile Environments								
Natural Hazards and Environmental Risks								
Society								
Geoinformation								
Environmental Technologies								



Our portfolio

- Atmospheric Environment
- Biodiversity and Land Use
- Soils, Forests, Agriculture
- Surface and Groundwater

- Fragile Environments
- Geo-information
- Marine Environment
- Natural Hazards

- Climate Change
- Environmental Technologies



PEER sharing research facilities

Technological platforms and observatories



Vessel Aranda, SYKE



Artificial streams, Alterra



Centre for Spreading and the Environment, Irstea



Zackerberg Research Station in Greenland, DCE



Global Change Experimental Facility, UFZ



Environmental Research Aircraft, Alterra



PEER – joint PEER projects

PEER projects based on own funds, resulting in new FP projects on e.g.

- Adaptation to climate change

 comparison of strategies
 and policies
 → EU project BASE
- PEER Research on Ecosystem Services
 → EU project OpenNESS
- Bioeconomy and green engineering as foundations for future circular green economy





PEER – Communication

SCIENCE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT Conference Aarhus 5-6 October 2011



- Activity reports
- Brochures, bookmarks
- Media relations
- Institutional visits
- Conferences, events



