



## Call for Peer Experts

### Mobility policy

Online peer review, 3-4 November 2021

**In the context of an upcoming interregional online peer review for the Kilkenny County Council on 3-4 November, we are looking for experts in urban mobility or town planning able to address the following two questions:**

**a. How to plan and implement a reallocation of space and car restrictive policies in city centres ?**

**b. How to gain broad support for modal shift and sustainable transport in the city centre from retailers, businesses and residents ?**

**Please consider your participation or forward this Call for Experts to a colleague with the right profile!** (Deadline for replies: 23 September 2021)

Some background information on our initiative and ourselves: My name is Katharina Krell and together with my colleagues Astrid Severin and Simon Hunkin we are in charge of organising peer reviews for the benefit of individual territorial authorities from across Europe in the thematic area of “low-carbon economy”. Our mission is part of the services of the [Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform](#).

#### **Interregional peer reviews / onsite or online**

Regions that face a specific challenge related to regional policy and the implementation of their structural funds programmes can request individual support. The Policy Learning Platform then identifies suitable experts in other regions that can help address this challenge. An intensive 2-day peer-to-peer meeting, online (as in this case) or on the premises of the region seeking advice is at the heart of this on-demand service (<https://www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/expert-support/>).

#### **Experts on urban mobility / planning wanted!**

Our current peer review is for the City of Kilkenny in support of its policy challenges related to the implementation of the 10-minute-town concept introduced in the new Local Transport Plan.

In this context, the Kilkenny local authorities would like to know

a. How to plan and implement a reallocation of space and car restrictive policies in city centres ?

b. How to gain broad support for modal shift and sustainable transport in the city centre from retailers, businesses and residents ?

A third questions might be debated at the peer review if we find peer experts with relevant experience:

c. How to motivate and support rural commuters to overcome car dependency?

Thus, we seek peer experts capable of addressing the questions above.

### What would be expected from a peer expert?

If you can reply to one or more of the above questions, **please be so kind to indicate your availability and fields of expertise in this short questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/JSf73PMfvYMUbPn68>**

Deadline for submission: 23 September 2021.

If your expertise and experience profile match the peer review requirements, you'll be selected as peer expert.

You'll meet (online) with the host region for two working days to further analyse the faced challenges, meet with key stakeholders and elaborate concrete recommendations for policy action jointly with the host city. Altogether, considering also the necessary preparatory and follow-up activities, in particular the analysis of the host's challenges as well as contributions to the final recommendations report, each peer should thus reserve approximately three working days for her/ his involvement in the peer review. There is no remuneration available for peer experts.

### What would peer experts get out of this?

- You'll get unique insight in the experiences and work of other regions; interregional learning is always a two-way street.
- You'll be a member of the prestigious group of peers and help fellow regional policy makers do better.
- You'll get featured in our peer review communication material.

The preparatory works as well as the sessions on the spot will be supported by us, i.e. the thematic experts of the Policy Learning Platform. The peer review is planned for **3-4 November 2021**. As an indicative target, peer experts from four European regions should participate in the peer review.

We are looking forward to working with you! Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to come back to us.

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