



## **PEER REVIEW**

### **Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform**

#### **Energy Efficiency: Skills & SME programmes**

**Peer Review hosted by  
Region Western Macedonia, Greece**

**Dates:**

6 October 2020 – Introductory phone conference

22 October 2020 – Technical check & short preparatory meeting

**26-27 October 2020 – Peer Review sessions**

**Venue: Online**

**N.B.: All times are indicated in CEST (Brussels time)**



**Agenda–Tuesday, 6 October 2020, 14:00 – 15:30 CEST**

**Introductory phone conference (Preparation of Peer Review with hosts and peers)**

**1. Introductory phone conference**

(1,5 hours)

Session facilitated by Katharina Krell, Thematic Expert, Low-carbon economy, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform

- Introduction to the phone call agenda and moderation, Katharina Krell
- Short introduction of each participant, All
- Short presentation of host region challenge (to make sure that the peers understand well what exactly the Region of Western Macedonia expects from the peer review as result), Vice-Governor KalliopiKiriakidouor Scientific Associate IsidorosZiogou
- Short reactions what each peer can contribute to address the host region’s challenges, Peers
- Explanations about the peer review online meeting, structure and timing, Katharina Krell
- Elaboration of agenda points, All
- Identification of preparatory activities, All
- Summary of action plan and closing, Katharina Krell

Participants: all peers, Vice-Governor KalliopiKiriakidou and Scientific Associate IsidorosZiogou from the Region of Western Macedonia, thematic experts Katharina Krell / Astrid Severin, thematic manager Elena Ferrario and event manager Magda Themis of the Policy Learning Platform

**Agenda - Thursday, 22 October 2020, 14:00 – 15:00 CEST**

**Technical check&short preparatory meeting**

**1. Technical check**

(30 min)

facilitated by Magda Themis, PLP

**2. Short preparatory meeting**

(30 min)

facilitated by Katharina Krell, PLP

Technical check:

- Checking technical set-up (cameras, micros, PPTs, correct zoom version), All
- Checking interpretation software, All

Short preparatory meeting, last questions

- Dry run through the agenda for 26-27 October (recapitulate what is happening, who should do what when, feedback on the presentations sent by the peers) by Katharina Krell, PLP
- Any other questions and feedback, All

Participants: all peers, 1 host representative, interpreters, PLP team



<b>Agenda – Monday 26 October 2020</b>	
<b>PEER REVIEW – Day 1</b>	
<p><b>0. Welcome coffee &amp; participants joining online</b> (09.15-09.30 CEST)</p>	<p>The virtual participants join online, as well as the interpreters. The 15 minutes before the official start are used to ensure all technology including interpreters' audio is working and is ready so that we start at 9.30 sharp.</p>
<p><b>1. Opening session</b> (9.30-10.45)</p> <p>Session facilitated by Katharina Krell &amp; Astrid Severin, Thematic Experts, Low-carbon economy, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Opening of peer review by moderator (Katharina Krell) and technical instructions for the participants (Magda Themi) (4 min)</li> <li>▪ Welcome and setting the context by Vice-Governor KalliopiKiriakidou, Region Western Macedonia (8 min)</li> <li>▪ Welcome and the state of play of Interreg Europe and the concept of the Peer Review by Magda Anagnostou, Interreg Europe Joint Secretariat (8 min)</li> <li>▪ Short introduction of all participants: Isidoros presents who is there from the Region and the regional stakeholders; Katharina presents the peers and the PLP and INTERREG EUROPE team (3 min)</li> <li>▪ Presentation of the policy challenge (energy efficiency: skills &amp; SME programmes) and the host's expectations and challenges from the peer review by Isidoros Ziogou, 15 min)</li> <li>▪ Peer introductions &amp; teaser presentations about their regions' energy efficiency ambitions and achievements (4 peers, 8 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nicosia</li> <li>○ Zagreb</li> <li>○ Thessaloniki</li> <li>○ Malta</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Wrap-up by host (5 min)</li> </ul> <p><i>Participants: peers, all host representatives, stakeholders, PLP, JS</i></p>
<p><b>Short break</b>(15 min)</p>	<p>"Group picture"</p> <p>Video about the Region of Western Macedonia (Magda plays it)</p>
<p><b>2. Stakeholder session</b> (11.00-12.00)</p> <p>Session moderated and organised by the host region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reflections and presentations from the stakeholders (depending on the number of stakeholders participating, we can give each stakeholder 5 minutes to take the floor. They should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ present themselves / the role of their organisation in relation to 'energy efficiency: skills &amp; SME programmes'</li> <li>○ share their opinion about the related challenges</li> <li>○ state what they could contribute to future initiatives to build up and run new energy efficiency skills &amp; SME programmes</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Wrap-up of session by the host (5 min)</li> </ul> <p><i>Participants: all peers, all host representatives, invited stakeholders, PLP</i></p>
<p><b>Lunch break</b>(60 min)</p>	

<p><b>3. Peer-learning session</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> thematic bloc: Energy efficiency skills and advice</b></p> <p>Session facilitated by PLP team (13.00-14.30)</p>	<p><b>Energy efficiency skills and advice:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How to develop the skill base for energy saving in buildings and companies at all levels (workers in the construction business, installers, engineers, students, consultants, auditors,...)?</li> <li>▪ Which are good energy saving training programmes and how to set these up?</li> <li>▪ How to offer energy efficiency advice to home and company owners, including on technology and financing options?</li> <li>▪ What measures can be introduced and supported by the Region of Western Macedonia?</li> </ul> <p><b>Peer presentations responding to the questions of the host from their experience and expertise background.</b> Each peer prepares a ppt addressing the host's questions; we hear all presentations; after each ppt we welcome clarification questions. (10 min each + 5 min questions = 75 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Luciano Mule'Stagno</li> <li>▪ Savvas Vlachos</li> <li>▪ Kostas Konstantinou</li> <li>▪ Suada Mustajbegovic</li> <li>▪ Astrid Severin</li> </ul> <p>Host representatives react to what was presented (15 min.)</p> <p><i>Participants: all peers, all host representatives, PLP, invited stakeholders</i></p>
<p><b>Coffee break</b>(30 min)</p>	
<p><b>3. Peer-learning session II</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> thematic bloc: Energy efficiency in SMEs</b></p> <p>Session facilitated by PLP team (15.00-16.30)</p>	<p><b>Energy / resource efficiency programmes for SMEs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How can companies typically save energy (or other resources), and what demonstration projects would be useful to showcase this?</li> <li>▪ Which region has achieved good impact for energy / resource efficiency at SME level and how?</li> <li>▪ Which support measures could be offered by the Region of Western Macedonia to foster such projects?</li> </ul> <p><b>Peer presentations responding to the questions of the host from their experience and expertise background.</b> The peers prepare a ppt addressing the host's questions; we hear all presentations; after each ppt we welcome clarification questions. (10 min each + 5 min questions = ca. 75 min.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SuadaMustajbegovic</li> <li>▪ Savvas Vlachos</li> <li>▪ Kostas Konstantinou</li> <li>▪ Luciano Mule'Stagno</li> <li>▪ Astrid Severin</li> </ul> <p>After all presentations, the host representatives react to what was presented from their perspective; 15 min.</p> <p><i>Participants: all peers, all host representatives, PLP</i></p>
<p><b>4. De-briefing with first reactions to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the peer review</b> (16.30-17.00)</p>	<p>Short round for collecting feedback from each peer expert</p> <p><i>Participants: all peers, hosts, PLP</i></p>





<b>Agenda – Tuesday 27 October 2020</b>	
<b>PEER REVIEW – Day 2</b>	
<p><b>5. Preparation of recommendations</b> (10.00-12.00)</p> <p>Session facilitated by Katharina Krell &amp; Astrid Severin, Thematic Experts, Low-carbon economy, Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Structuring the recommendations for the host region</li> <li>▪ Joint drafting of PPT with recommendations</li> <li>▪ 1 host representative to make sure the recommendations are realistic for the local context (reality check)</li> </ul> <p><i>Participants: all peers, 1 host representative, PLP</i></p>
<p><b>Lunch break and finalisation of ppt</b></p>	<p>The peers reserve time to work on a few slides besides the actual lunch break; the PLP collects and assembles all ppt parts.</p>
<p><b>6. Presentation and discussion on policy recommendations and follow-up actions</b></p> <p>Session facilitated by PLP team (14.00-16.00)</p>	<p>Presentation of the drafted conclusions and recommendations of policy actions to the host and regional stakeholders (Each peer presents one section of the recommendations ppt)</p> <p>Reactions from the host after each thematic bloc</p> <p>Discussion on how to operationalise and take up the discussed recommendations.</p> <p>Following the peer review meeting, the main conclusions should be translated into a proposal for concrete policy action (“to do-list” presenting the actions to be taken – a document to be drafted after the peer review meeting).</p> <p>Final feedback round from host and peers on the peer review experience</p>
<p><b>End of peer review(16.00)</b></p>	





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List of Participants
<p><b>Region of Western Macedonia</b></p> <p>Kalliopi Kiriakidou, Vice Governor for Energy, Infrastructure and Environment; Isidoros Ziogou, Scientific Associate, organisers of the peer review</p> <p>Nikolaos Lyssaridis, Vice Governor for Regional Development</p> <p>Stergios Kianas, Vice Governor for Developmental Transition Planning</p> <p>Georgios Vavliaras, Vice Governor for Entrepreneurial Development</p> <p>Paschalis Ikonomidis, General Directorate for Development Planning, Environment, and Infrastructure</p> <p>Directorates of Technical Works (Regional Units and Main Area)</p> <p>Regional Development Fund of Western Macedonia</p> <p>Special Management Authority of the Regional Operational Program of Western Macedonia</p>
<p><b>Peers</b></p> <p>Savvas Vlachos; Cyprus Energy Agency ; Nicosia, Cyprus</p> <p>Suada Mustajbegovic; Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund; Zagreb, Croatia</p> <p>Kostas Konstantinou; Anatoliki S.A.; Thessaloniki, Region of Central Macedonia, Greece</p> <p>Luciano Mule'Stagno; University of Malta - Institute for Sustainable Energy; Malta</p>
<p><b>Host Region Stakeholders – Finalized</b></p> <p>Academic – Research Institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University of Western Macedonia</li> <li>Chemical Process and Energy Resources Institute (CPERI) under the umbrella of the Centre of Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH)</li> </ul> <p>Training-education related institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greek Manpower Employment Organization (OAED)</li> <li>PPC's Directorate of Human Resources and Management</li> </ul> <p>Chambers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Regional Units)</li> <li>Technical Chamber of Greece – Section of Western Macedonia</li> <li>Geotechnical Chamber of Greece – Section of Western Macedonia</li> </ul> <p>Companies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cluster of Bioeconomy and Environment of Western Macedonia (CluBE)</li> <li>Waste Management System of Western Macedonia (DIADYMA) SA</li> <li>West Macedonia Development Company (ANKO) SA – Technical Services Office</li> <li>Municipal District Heating Company of Amindeo (D.H.C.A.)</li> <li>District Heating Municipal Company of Ptolemaida (D.H.C.P.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Participation of stakeholders (one representative) in the peer-learning session and stakeholder session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Directorate for Development Planning, Environment, and Infrastructure</li> <li>Regional Development Fund of Western Macedonia</li> <li>Special Management Authority of the Regional Operational Program of Western Macedonia</li> <li>Technical Chamber of Greece – Section of Western Macedonia</li> <li>Cluster of Bioeconomy and Environment of Western Macedonia (CluBE)</li> <li>University of Western Macedonia – Rector's office</li> </ul>



University of Western Macedonia – Vice Rector responsible for Life-long Learning Centers  
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West Macedonia Development Company (ANKO) SA  
Geotechnical Chamber of Greece – Section of Western Macedonia  
Just Transition Committee - Team responsible for reskilling and retraining of workers and unemployed people of the Region of Western Macedonia

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