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Call for participation in online seminar 'National Peer Review Initiative (NPRI)'

Members of the IMPEL network are invited and encouraged to participate in an online seminar on the IMPEL project National Peer Review Initiative (NPRI), to be organized in September 2020. Proposals for a date will be announced soon.

The objective of the seminar is:

- To inform all participants what has been done so far within the project and to present the (draft) deliverables, as well as to request for comments and advices;
- To explain and discuss the project activities that will be carried out in the 2nd half of 2020 and in 2021;
- To encourage the participants to develop and test a NPRI in their country and to discuss preparatory work.

Context

IMPEL has more than 20 years' experience with the implementation of peer reviews (IMPEL Review Initiative (IRI)). The concept of IRI's inspired Italy and The Netherlands to develop a peer review concept and methodology that can be applied autonomously at national, regional, local and organizational level. Part of the concept is that organisations can be assisted on their request with the implementation of the results of the review.

The General Assembly of IMPEL decided in 2018 to conduct the project 'establishing a National Peer Review Initiative (NPRI)' to be carried out from 2019 – 2021. The project started in Spring 2019.

The general objective of the NPRI project is to develop a systematic approach, methodology and guidance for a National Peer Review scheme, based on flexibility and specific country and organisational needs and to be carried out by own experts.

Content NPRI project

Important elements of the project are:

- A survey within the IMPEL community aiming at gathering experiences with 'peer review' approaches by governmental organisations and authorities at national, regional, local and institutional level;
- A preliminary study focusing on a comparison of 7 different Peer Review and assessment methodologies, aiming at identifying approaches and good practices;
- Development of a NPRI methodology and guidance;

- Country visits (Italy and the Netherlands) to exchange experiences on peer reviews at national and regional level;
- Developing a support approach through a team of experts who can support an organization on request in implementing the results of conducted reviews.
- Necessary preparations for testing the NPRI methodology in 2 – 3 countries in the next phase of the project.

Project group

The project is managed by Italy and the Netherlands. A project group with participation of Finland, Greece, Portugal, Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands, Macedonia, Albania provides guidance to the execution of the project. Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Poland, Romania and Ireland expressed their interest to participate in the next phase of the project, starting from 1 July 2020.

Outcome project

The project will result in a NPRI methodology and guidance that can be autonomously applied at various levels (local, regional, national and organisational). The methodology and guidance aim at facilitating homogeneity and harmonisation of performance of (equivalent) authorities in environmental matters, such as implementation, inspection, permitting, planning etc., and to contribute to a better harmonised implementation and execution of environmental legislation.

Furthermore, the document provides guidance how a NPRI Peer Review methodology can be implemented by a network of national and/or regional experts and how adequate support can be provided to implement findings of peer reviews.

Registration for the seminar

You can register at: ([Link for registration](#))

Information

In case more information is required, please feel free to contact one of the project managers:

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