

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

to

COOPERATE ON MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE IN ENERGY PLANNING AND THE DELIVERY OF ENERGY INITIATIVES

Between

**Kent County Council (KCC) and Carlow County Council (CCC) & Carlow
Kilkenny Energy Agency (Ckea)**

Overarching purpose

When we consider that:

- The policy of the European Union sets a number of targets for its member states in relation to the environment and growth. These targets include: by 2020 to source 20% of energy from renewable sources, increase energy efficiency by 20%, reduce CO₂ emissions by 20% and source 10% of fuel consumption from biofuels;
- Public authorities at the regional and local level play a crucial role in developing and delivering strategies that can endeavour to meet these targets as well as facilitating growth, mitigating and adapting to climate change, enforcing statutory duties and co-ordinating non-statutory duties;
- Cooperation between public authorities, bodies and organisations is essential to ensuring strategies are developed effectively and delivered with the most efficient use of resources and influence.

The *[Kent County Council]* hereinafter referred to as the Participants 1 and the *[Carlow County Council & Carlow Kilkenny Energy Agency]*, hereinafter referred to as the Participants 2, agree as follows:

Agreement

Participant 1 will

- Call the Participant 2 to participate in two meetings to exchange knowledge and good practice on **'collaborative approaches to developing energy/environment strategies and delivering housing retrofit schemes'**, as part of the COOPENERGY project. This will consist of:
 - One study visit (up to 3 person, up to 3 days) hosted by the Participant 1 in their region (Kent) to learn more about the best practices in place and to exchange experience;
 - One study visit (2 persons, up to 3 days) hosted by the Participant 2 in their region (Carlow) to receive technical support on-site from the Participant 1, in order to facilitate the exchange of experience;
- Document the activities carried out under this memorandum as part of the activities of the COOPENERGY project of the program Intelligent Energy - Europe (IEE), whose objectives are to:
 - Improve cooperation between regional and local authorities in sustainable energy planning through the use of multi-level governance models;
 - Identify and learn from the good practice of others who have successfully collaborated on sustainable energy planning;
 - Develop and test local Multi-Level Governance agreements to show how public authorities can work in partnership to deliver results;
 - Implement and evaluate joint actions and solutions to demonstrate success;
 - Celebrate success, sharing experience and transferring learning within the partnership and across Europe;
 - Promote key European policies and initiatives (such as the Covenant of Mayors) that can help public authorities plan sustainable energy projects and actions in partnership;
 - Contribute to the EU 2020 targets on energy efficiency and renewable energy sources.

Participant 2 will

- Participate in two meetings to exchange knowledge and good practice on **'collaborative approaches to developing energy/environment strategies and delivering housing retrofit schemes'**, as part of the COOPENERGY project. This will consist of:
 - One study visit (up to 3 person, up to 3 days) hosted by the Participant 1 in their region (Kent) to learn more about the best practices in place and to exchange experience;
 - One study visit (2 persons, up to 3 days) hosted by the Participant 2 in their region (Kilkenny) to receive technical support on-site from the Participant 1, in order to facilitate the exchange of experience;
- Develop actions from the exchange to take back and apply the collaboration techniques that have been learnt, to their own region;
- Participate in evaluation of the process, giving feedback and information;


- Participate in the final COOPENERGY conference to share experiences of the exchange and how the collaboration techniques have been applied, with other regions across Europe;
- Join the COOPENERGY online collaboration platform (free of charge) for further technical exchange;
- Agree to allow the Participant 1 to document the activities carried out under this memorandum as part of the activities of the COOPENERGY project of the program Intelligent Energy - Europe (IEE).

Common agreements

- Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding is deemed to create a legally enforceable agreement and consequently no liability shall attach to either party in the event of its failure to carry out any of the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding. Each party is responsible for the way in which it carries out its undertakings under this memorandum, and no liability shall attach to the other party as a result;
- Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be construed as giving the right to any party to represent the other towards third parties including the press and media and no right of agency shall be therefore construed;
- The parties are therefore free to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding at any time;
- This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective upon its signature by the Participants;
- This MoC shall be effective upon its signature by the Participants.

[Participant 1]

Signature Director of Growth,
Environment and Transport of the
Kent County Council


Name: CAROLINE DREGWALL

[Participant 2]

Signature Chairman of the County Council:


Name: Fergal Browne MCC

Signature Chairman of Carlow Kilkenny Energy Agency


Name: [Signature]

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