



Peer review

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What is a peer review?

- a method designed to further mutual learning by focussing on a particular project /action(s) (in the field of the WP in question)
- a structured method to discuss projects / action(s).
 - It serves on the one hand to further develop or advance projects - with the peers as creative ideas people.
 - It gives the peers an opportunity to reflect in a critical way on their own practices and provides stimulus for their own work.

Peers come from cities of similar size, are being confronted by similar problems, are working in a similar environment and with similar means. Each peer is familiar with the topic of the project and contributes his or her own point of view and experience.

Structure: what is necessary?

- initial report by the host city
- desk review by peers
- peer review workshop (as a session of Op-Act workshops)

What is the initial report?

nothing new - nothing in addition - content has to be reflected and formulated for the LAP anyhow

4 weeks before the workshop; 5 - 6 pages on:

- challenges / strategic goal(s)
- description of actions planned (what, why, who, how, to whose benefit)
- potential outcomes of the action(s)
- specific issues host want to discuss with peers

Structure: what is necessary?

What is a desk review?

nothing but reading and reflecting the initial report:

- compare it with your own situation / ideas for ones own challenges / work of the LAG
- additional information necessary to discuss the action(s)?
- invitation of additional stakeholders to the workshop?
- develop questions for the workshop
- reasonableness of the action(s)
- strength and weaknesses (pitfalls)

Structure: what is necessary?

Peer review workshop

elements:

- presentation by host
- field visit
- questions by peers (here additional stakeholders could be important)
- peer review (feed back on the project; plenary discussion)

additional element:

- discussion on challenges / problems peers are facing

What do we gain?

- focus part of our meetings on concrete actions / projects
- mutual support in preparing LAPs
- additional ideas for host city
- “testing” ideas and arguments outside the LSG
- challenging peers’ own practice

