



Directorate for Legislative Work

Commission for Social Policy, Education,
Employment, Research and Culture
The Head of Unit

Brussels,

Subject: Study on Fair Labour Mobility in the EU: Territorial Impacts on Regions and Cities

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir or Madam,

The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) kindly requests your support for the study “*Fair Labour Mobility in the EU: Territorial Impacts on Regions and Cities*”.

This study has been commissioned by the CoR and is being carried out by the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw).

The purpose of the study is to examine the territorial dimension of labour mobility in the European Union and to assess its implications for local and regional authorities. In particular, the study will analyse patterns and challenges related to intra-EU labour mobility, labour and skills shortages and mismatches, skills portability and recognition, cross-border mobility, and the attraction and retention of workers and skills across different types of regions.

Particular attention will be paid to the different territorial impacts of labour mobility, including in metropolitan and high-inflow regions, cross-border areas, rural and peripheral regions, regions affected by outward mobility and brain drain, and regions experiencing significant labour and skills shortages.

The study will also examine the role of local and regional authorities in facilitating fair labour mobility, supporting mobile workers, addressing skills shortages and mismatches, improving access to public services, and developing effective place-based approaches to attracting, retaining and developing talent. It will furthermore consider relevant developments at EU level concerning skills portability, digitalisation of social security coordination and other initiatives related to fair labour mobility.

The analysis will draw on quantitative and qualitative evidence, including a survey of local and regional authorities and other relevant stakeholders, interviews and territorial case studies. The findings will contribute to a comparative territorial assessment and will provide evidence-based recommendations to

support the future policy work of the European Committee of the Regions in the area of labour mobility, employment and skills.

Against this background, the CoR has launched a survey aimed at gathering evidence directly from local and regional authorities on their experiences, challenges, policy responses and priorities concerning labour mobility.

Since you represent an important stakeholder for this study, the CoR kindly invites you to participate in the survey.

A link to the questionnaire is provided in the email accompanying this letter.

The CoR would also greatly appreciate your support in disseminating the survey among relevant local and regional authorities and other appropriate contacts within your networks, encouraging them to contribute their experience and expertise to the study.

A broad and territorially diverse response will be particularly valuable in ensuring that the study adequately reflects the different realities faced by regions and cities across the European Union and allows concrete recommendations to be developed for the European institutions, Member States and local and regional authorities.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding the study or the survey, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Thank you very much for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)

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