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Chief Executive Officer
Kilkenny County Council

Re: European Network of EU Councillors

Dear Colette,

I am writing to you to ask you to bring a new network of EU Councillors to the attention of the elected representatives of your local authority.

Councillors in Ireland are one of the most informed groups of people when it comes to dealing with matters relating to the European Union. On a daily basis you are encountering matters of EU law and applications and debates around EU funding programmes. The same can be said for the more than one million politicians elected to the regions and cities of the 27-member states.

In an effort to harness this knowledge, and to build and develop relationships across the bloc, the European Committee of the Regions has established a new “European Network of EU Councillors”. Any local representative, from all of the 27-member states, can register to be part of the network. It is a voluntary project but by registering as a “Member of the CoR Network of Regional and Local EU Councillors” you will receive:

- Briefing material in relation to EU matters;
- Invitations to CoR events;
- A network of CoR members and other local representatives from other member states.

For more information and to apply to become a member – please go to the following link:

[European Network of Regional and Local EU Councillors \(europa.eu\)](http://europa.eu)

I hope you find the above useful, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Byrne T.D.
Minister for European Affairs