

KIELPARK

FINDINGS of the INTERVIEWS

Due to **language barriers**, many found the questions difficult and time-consuming, leading to hurried and superficial answers.

Sometimes we **had to switch** to another language, such as: English, French or Arabic.

In general, most participants thought largely the same, regardless of age.

OUR VIEW of the NEIGHBORHOOD

A **vibrant and diverse** neighbourhood, with a strong sense of belonging, visible in the interactions between residents.

Within this neighbourhood, we can safely speak of a **majority-minority**.

⇒ A subdivision in which one or more racial, ethnic and/or religious minorities make up the majority of the population.

POTENTIAL & SOLUTIONS

POTENTIAL

Kielpark offers **opportunities for meetings**. Kras organises talks, workshops and creative meetings to engage residents.

SOLUTIONS

- Improve **street lighting** for greater safety.
- Organise **low-threshold activities** to get everyone involved (neighbourhood parties and workshops).

Break the taboo around community centres

- Make **community centres visible** and inviting with open activities.
- Use **multilingual communication** and ensure accessible events.

POSITIVE SECTIONS in the NEIGHBORHOOD

DIVERSITY

57% have at least one parent from outside Europe, although the majority were born here. Of which **28.2% have a migration background** within Kiel.

MOBILITY

Mobility was mentioned 71 times: **81.5%** have **access to public transport**, but only 17.4% of space is available for parking.

LIVING QUALITY

79% of residents say they can be themselves in the neighborhood, indicating a **high sense of freedom and acceptance**.

SOCIAL RELATIONS

Kiel is a vibrant neighbourhood where residents **mainly rely on family 72%** and **friends 53%** for help. The social network is the biggest source of support.



CHALLENGES & NEEDS in the NEIGHBORHOOD

FEELING UNSAFE

62 of 154 residents feel unsafe due to crime and poor lighting; 7 report drug problems, 4 nuisance from loitering. **Kielpark** in particular is **perceived as unsafe by 30%**.

TRAFFIC NUISANCE

Traffic causes **noise and air pollution**; 17 respondents mentioned it as a **main problem**, parking 10 times. But traffic pressure and parking problems do **cause nuisance**.

UNSUITABLE HOUSING

Outdated and cramped living spaces make affordable housing difficult. Of residents: 44% own, 30% rent privately, 14% socially. 9% are dissatisfied, 38% satisfied and 19% very satisfied. In Kiel, 40.7% of housing is social.

SOCIAL RELATIONS

Kiel is a **lively neighborhood**, where people can always turn to their networks. **Social aid agencies** such as OCMW (8%) or CAW (7%) are **rarely called in**.

COMMUNITY CENTER

For requests for help, local residents can **only** turn to **Kras**, although 72% prefer to turn to family and 53% to friends.

LACK OF CULTURAL CONTACT

Most interviewees indicate that there is **little contact** between people of different cultural backgrounds. This limited interaction **between natives and immigrants** hinders neighborhood cohesion and reduces the sense of belonging.

MINIMUM GREEN

The **lack of trees and parks** does not provide space for relaxation or play. This was **mentioned 68 times** in the survey. 11 people feel that greenery comes first. 35% across Kiel 14% of the space is green, 72.2% of the neighbourhood is paved.



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