JASPERS Networking Platform
State Aid Legal Framework
for the 2014-2020 programming period

Background and Introduction

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Needs assessment (performed in 2011):

- “A Networking Platform should be created for EU-12, EU-15, and pre-accession countries to spread knowledge and best practices”

Mission: complement JASPERS project advisory with capacity building, knowledge sharing, exchange of good practices and resolution of common project preparation issues.

Objectives:

- Consolidate JASPERS horizontal support activities
- Disseminate JASPERS guidance, horizontal studies and relevant knowledge.
- Implement effective capacity building activities (concrete and interactive, practitioners-driven)
- Provide a framework for networking/collaboration, enable exchange of information, experiences and good practices
Main features

✓ Coverage – EU 28 + IPA Countries

✓ Governance
  ▪ Activities overseen by JASPERS Steering Committee
  ▪ Flexible annual Work Programmes
  ▪ Annual NP general meeting (e.g. with Stakeholders meeting)

✓ Membership and participation
  ▪ JASPERS Partners (DG REGIO, EIB, EBRD)
  ▪ Managing Authorities in JASPERS operations countries
  ▪ Other EC Services
  ▪ Managing Authorities in other EU countries
  ▪ Key Intermediate Bodies / Large Beneficiaries
Achievements and Feedback 2013

- Operations started in late 2012
- Launch event and prototype web portal operational in March 2013
  - Over 4,300 visits in first year
  - Over 20,000 page views
  - 5,000 downloads
- 6 main dissemination and capacity building events in 2013
  - Over 320 people attending key events in Brussels (largely from Member States)
  - Several ad-hoc roundtables with JASPERS and EC officials
- 10 thematic publications and working papers
- Unanimous support for the Networking Platform as an important pillar of JASPERS activities during 2014-2020
Networking Platform activities

- Workshops and Seminars:
  - addressing specific issues and topics relevant to project preparation and implementation
  - presenting JASPERS outputs, horizontal studies and other relevant knowledge

- Development and dissemination of guidelines, how-to-do guides, case studies, model projects and standard toolkits.

- Targeted capacity building events

- Forums for exchange of experiences, dissemination of good practices and lessons learned, plus networking.

- Activities directly requested or promoted by Members, where relevant to the objectives of the JASPERS Networking Platform
Knowledge Sharing and Capacity Building

**JASPERS NETWORKING PLATFORM**
EU28 + IPA countries

**WEB PORTAL**
www.jaspersnetwork.org

**PLATFORM ACTIVITIES**
- Specific workshops and seminars on thematic areas, policy requirements, horizontal matters
- Training and capacity building activities
- Sharing of good practices across MSs
- Preparation of working papers and guidance documents on key topics of interest
- Members’ web portal with forums and other collaborative functions
- Knowledge library available on the web portal

**SUPPORTING PROJECT PREPARATION**

**RESOLVING HORIZONTAL ISSUES**

**IMPLEMENTING CAPACITY BUILDING**

**SUPPORTING PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

**SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMMES**
Work Programme 2013

Approved by JASPERS SC in December 2012

1. Climate change adaptation for coastal and urban water management
2. Environmental conditionalities and requirements for the programming period 2014 – 2020
3. Capacity building on the preparation and CBA of R&D and Innovation projects
4. Design of energy efficiency programmes in buildings
5. Best practices in Flood risk management
6. Road Maintenance, Operations and Road Safety
7. Support for the update of EC guidance on CBA for 2014-2020
8. Ad hoc seminars with DG REGIO and JASPERS stakeholders

Proceedings and materials on www.jaspersnetwork.org
Working Papers published in 2013

- Calculation of GHG Emissions in Waste and Waste-to-Energy Projects
- Toolkit for EIA and SEA general ex ante conditionalities
- Key Considerations in Planning Waste–to–Energy Facilities
- Development of an Investment Programme for Buildings Rehabilitation - Residential Buildings
- Development of an Investment Programme for Buildings Rehabilitation - Public Buildings
- Cost Benefit Analysis framework for broadband connectivity projects
- Application of State Aid rules to the public financing of Health Care Infrastructures
- Implementation of R&D Projects – Recruitment Plan
- Implementation of R&D Projects – Staff Development Plan
- Project Preparation and CBA of RDI Infrastructure Projects

Available on www.jaspersnetwork.org
Work Programme 2014

- Lessons learned for Nature protection and the implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directives (April 2014)
- State Aid modernization and its implications for 2014-2020 (July 2014)
- Preparation of national and regional transport plans (Sept 2014)
- Implementation of the Water Framework Directive (Sept 2014)
- Flood risk management and climate change adaptation (Oct 2014)
- CBA for the 2014-2020 programming period (est. Nov 2014)
- Remediation of polluted areas (Nov-Dec 2014)
- Combining EU funds with PPPs (Nov-Dec 2014)
- Public Service Contracts (PSCs) for urban transport projects (Dec 2014)
- Ad hoc Seminars and Workshops (all 2014)

Feedback and suggestions are welcome!
Networking Platform web portal

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Workshop on EIA and SEA requirements in 2014-2020
A workshop addressing environmental ex-ante conditionality and SEA requirements for the 2014-2020 programming period was held in Brussels in October.

The meeting was attended by over 60 participants from Member States’ Authorities, representative of the European Commission and JASPERS Partners.

LATEST NEWS

14/01/2014
Presentation of the demo of the new Networking Platform

14/01/2014
Happy 2014 from JASPERS Network!!

06/09/2012
2011 JASPERS Stakeholders Meeting in BUDAPEST

UPCOMING EVENTS

LATEST PUBLICATIONS

13/12/2013
Calculation of GHG Emissions in Waste and Waste-to-Energy Projects

31/10/2013
State Aid in public financing of Health Care Infrastructures
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