

JASPERS Networking Platform

Workshop: "Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management in the Water Sector"

Date: **21-22 October 2014**

Location: **European Commission**
Beaulieu 5 - Room BU1 00/46
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The JASPERS Networking Platform was created to complement JASPERS project advisory operations, by addressing specific project preparation problems of horizontal nature, enhancing knowledge sharing activities, dissemination of best practices and exchange of experience among JASPERS Stakeholders, as well as implementing capacity building activities. More information is available at www.jaspersnetwork.org

Description of the workshop

The objective of this workshop is to raise awareness on sound planning, development and preparation of risk management and climate change adaptation projects under the relevant thematic objective: "Promoting Climate Change Adaptation, Risk prevention and Management" and the fulfilment of the ex-ante conditionality "the existence of national or regional risk assessments for disaster management, taking into account climate change adaptations", with a specific focus on the Water sector.

The main target audience of the workshop is relevant authorities in Member States dealing with the planning, preparation and implementation of Water Infrastructure and related Risk Management projects. The Workshop is organised in close cooperation with the European Commission, who will actively participate in the workshop.

The workshop will be held in two main sessions addressing the following topics:

Planning: The preparation of national and regional Climate Change risk assessments relevant to the Water Sector

This session will, against the background of the relevant thematic objective and ex-ante conditionality highlight good practice principles of climate change risk planning for the water sector.

Case Studies: Examples of Climate Change Adaptation and Risk Management projects

This session will present selected project case studies as a basis to discuss opportunities to incorporate good practices in the sector and will include an interactive discussion on the selected case studies.

After each presentation time will be reserved for questions and discussions. The workshop will end with a round up session that will summarise the discussions held.

Tentative agenda

DAY 1 – Risk Assessment / Climate Change	
13:00 – 13:15	Welcome coffee
13:15 – 13:30	Opening remarks and introduction to the workshop DG REGIO, JASPERS
13:30 – 14:00	Summary of previous Networking Platform activities on climate change adaptation and flood risk management JASPERS
14:00 – 14:40	Risk assessment and climate change resilience: policy framework, ex-ante conditionality and guidance DG ECHO, DG CLIMA
14:40 – 15:00	Major projects in the area of Thematic Objective 5 DG REGIO
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:00	National climate change risk assessment in the UK
16:00 – 16:30	Climate change risk assessment guidance and regional action plans in Sweden
16:30 – 17:00	Climate change resilience in flood risk management in Hungary
17:00 – 17:30	Panel discussion and summary of the first day
DAY 2 – Infrastructure Projects	
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome coffee
09:15 – 09:30	Introduction to good practices: Climate change adaptation needs and project development
09:30- 10:45	Good practice case studies: Project examples (4-5) referring to actual investment projects in selected EU Member states (indicatively from Portugal, France, Poland, UK).
10:45 – 11:30	Break up in sub-groups: discussions on specific case studies All participants
11:30 – 13:00	Plenary session: Group presentations and discussions
13:00 – 13:30	Round up and summary of the workshop
13:30	Closing remarks