



**JASPERS Networking Platform**  
**Workshop on Habitats Directive**  
**Key requirements for Project Preparation**

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**Date:**                   **16 December 2019**

**Location:**               **DG REGIO – VIP Room**  
Avenue de Beaulieu 1  
Brussels

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**Description of the Event**

This workshop is the fourth in a series of events that address in detail environmental requirements for projects to be funded by European Structural and Investments Funds (ESIF) in the period 2014 – 2020. The workshop is organised in cooperation with DG REGIO and DG ENVIRONMENT, whose representatives will actively participate in the training.

The workshop will address key requirements of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC in the context of major projects preparation and challenges identified in this programming period. Besides offering a general overview of the requirements for projects, the workshop will touch upon the latest guidance from DG ENVIRONMENT and key considerations when it comes to option analysis and links to Strategic Environmental Assessments, streamlining assessments and procedures, consideration of conservation objectives and cross border aspects.

Specific case studies will be used during breakout sessions that will cover challenges frequently encountered in project preparation.

The target audience are relevant authorities in Member States (in particular from coordinating and environmental Managing Authorities, as well as relevant environmental competent authorities) and Project Promoters.

The training is held in English and participants will have the chance to join the discussions during case study sessions.

The final agenda is available attached.

For more information on this training, please contact us at [jaspersnetwork@eib.org](mailto:jaspersnetwork@eib.org).

## FINAL AGENDA

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10:00 – 10:15	Registration and welcome coffee
10:15 – 10:30	<b>Opening remarks</b> Mr Witold Willak, Acting Head of Unit F1, DG REGIO Mr Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director, Directorate D, "Natural Capital" Ms Ismini Kyriazopoulou, Head of NCC Division, JASPERS
10:30 – 12:45	<b>SESSION 1: Requirements of the Habitats Directive</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brief overview of the objectives of the Directive and requirements of Articles 6(3) and 6(4)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Screening (<i>Section F.4.3 of the Project Application form and Appendix 1</i>)</li><li>○ Appropriate Assessment (AA) (<i>Sections F.4.1 and F.4.2.1 of the Project Application form</i>)</li><li>○ Application of Article 6(4) and compensatory measures (<i>Section F.4.2.2 of the Project Application form</i>)</li></ul></li></ul> <p>The above will cover topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Consideration of conservation objectives in the AA and role of management plans</li><li>○ Insufficient designation of Natura 2000 and possible implications for projects</li><li>○ Analysis of alternatives and Natura 2000 sites</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of the available sectoral guidance relevant for Natura 2000 and major projects</li><li>• Streamlining environmental impact assessment (EIA) and AA</li><li>• Cross border considerations (<i>Section F.3.3.b of the Project Application form</i>)</li><li>• Species protection in the context of major projects</li></ul> <p>DG Environment (Speakers: Mr Przemyslaw Oginski, Ms Christina Pantazi, Mr Fotios Papoulias, Ms Slavitza Dobрева) JASPERS (<i>session includes one short coffee break</i>)</p>
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 15:15	<b>SESSION 2: Successful approaches and lessons learnt</b> <b>Application of Habitats Directive requirements - examples of national practices and case studies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application of Article 6(3) of Habitats Directive to the transboundary linear infrastructure projects Ms Eva Maria Mayerhofer, Lead Environmental &amp; Biodiversity Specialist, European Investment Bank, Projects Directorate, Environment, Climate and Social Office</li><li>• Baseline studies used in Appropriate Assessment: state of implementation and different approaches by enterprises responsible for strategic infrastructure in Poland Mr Artur Kawicki (Poland)</li><li>• Practices from Slovenia Ms Mojca Hrabar (Slovenia)</li><li>• Article 6(3) at a Strategic planning level Ms Ismini Maria Kyriazopoulou, JASPERS</li></ul>

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15:15 – 15:30 Coffee break

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15:30 – 16:30 **SESSION 3: Break out session, key take aways**

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16:30 – 16:45 **Closing remarks**

Conclusions of discussion groups  
JASPERS, DG Environment, DG REGIO

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