

## **JASPERS Networking Platform**

### **Workshop: Supporting investments in Smart Grids in 2014-2020**

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**Location:** **European Commission**  
**Beaulieu 1 –room BU1 00/46**  
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#### **Description of the workshop**

The aim of the workshop is to support national authorities and key stakeholders in Members States in planning and designing the allocation of EU funds for supporting investments in smart electricity grids during the 2014 – 2020 EU programming period.

The workshop will introduce a general conceptual framework for financing smart grids with European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), and it will touch on key legislative requirements, lessons learnt and current development in smart grid projects within the EU, progress in their deployment and key considerations on smart metering.

The workshop builds upon the results of a study commissioned by JASPERS (key reports will be published on the JASPERS Networking Platform web portal [www.jaspersnetwork.org](http://www.jaspersnetwork.org) immediately after the seminar), whose main specific objective was to outline an investment programme and funding scheme for the implementation of smart electricity grids projects for funding under the 2014-2020 period. The study describes in details the process of preparing a program to develop smart grids and defines the criteria for the identification of individual projects for rolling out smart grids. During the workshop, the experience and lessons learnt by the European Investment Bank for the financing smart grids projects will also be presented.

The target groups of the workshop are representatives from managing authorities and line ministries that are or will be responsible for the identification and development of smart grids projects and programs in the 2014-2020 programming period. Potential implementing

agencies for smart grids projects under ESIF such as transmission or distribution system operators and utilities in general, may also be interested in the workshop.

Participants will benefit from direct exposure with representatives from DG REGIO, DG ENER, European Investment Bank and JASPERS, and will be able to apply the knowledge acquired during the workshop in the preparation of the respective programs, priorities and schemes for the new EU funding period.

The workshop will start with a session presenting the relevant requirements for the 2014-2020 programming exercise in view of investments in smart grids (DG REGIO), followed by guidance on the key communications and legislation related to the implementation of smart grids projects (DG ENER).

It will continue with a presentation of the technical guidance on the financing of smart grids projects and concrete examples of financing by the European Investment Bank. The workshop will finish with the presentation of two concrete case studies from Poland and Romania related to the implementation of smart grid projects.

In each session enough time will be allocated for Q&A and exchange of practical experience.

The workshop will be held in English language.

### **Tentative Agenda**

<b>9:00 – 9:30</b>	<b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>
<b>9:30 – 09:45</b>	<b>Opening and introduction to the objectives of the workshop</b>
<b>9:45 – 10:45</b>	<b>Session 1:</b> <b>DG REGIO: Investments in smart grids under ESIF.</b> <b>DG ENER: General framework on Smart Grids and key challenges</b>
<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Session 2: Smart Grids project assessment tool</b>
<b>12:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A</b>
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<b>Session 3: Application and implementation procedures</b>
<b>14:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>Session 4: Financing of Smart Grids projects – European Investment Bank</b>
<b>15:00 – 15:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	<b>Session 5: Case studies for Poland and Romania</b>
<b>15:45 – 16:45</b>	<b>Open discussion and roundtable. Wrap-up of the workshop</b>