

## JASPERS Networking Platform

### Workshop on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive in projects

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**Date:** 9-10 June 2015

**Location:** Committee of the Regions  
Rue Belliard/Belliardstraat, 101  
B-1040 BRUSSELS

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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](http://www.jaspersnetwork.org)

#### Description of the workshop

The aim of this interactive workshop is to present concrete experiences, highlight good practices and discuss challenges for the attainment of environmental objectives under the Water Framework Directive when preparing new projects in the financial perspective 2014-2020.

The workshop will touch on available guidance on the requirements of the Water Framework Directive related to the environmental objectives, and will then continue with the presentation of concrete case studies and good practices from selected Member States related to hydropower, river navigation, floods management and river restoration projects.

The case studies presented will focus on how environmental objectives and the application of exemptions for projects involving new physical modifications were attained. Other relevant subjects covered in the workshop will include the definition of adequate mitigation measures, evaluation and selection of better environmental options, and the justification of projects as required by the Water Framework Directive.

The target group of the workshop are representatives from managing authorities and line ministries that are or will be responsible for the preparation of projects and programmes in sectors that could be concerned with the concrete application of Art 4.7 of the Water Framework Directive.

The workshop is also addressed to authorities in Member States dealing with the planning, preparation and implementation of River Basin Management Plans, as well as authorities responsible for the permitting of new infrastructure projects, in particular those that could be concerned with the concrete application of exemptions under the Water Framework Directive.

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The workshop is organised in close cooperation with DG ENVIRONMENT, whose representatives will actively participate in the workshop and planned Q&A sessions. In each session enough time will be allocated for Q&A and exchange of practical experience.

Participants are encouraged to prepare questions on the topics that will be addressed in the workshop, and send them in advance to [jaspersnetwork@eib.org](mailto:jaspersnetwork@eib.org) as a proposal for discussion during the Q&A sessions planned in the following tentative agenda.

## **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

### **Tuesday 9 June**

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- 9.45** Opening of registrations and welcome coffee
- 10.30** Welcome addresses and introduction to the workshop  
*Massimo Marra, Senior Officer, JASPERS*  
*Pavel Misiga, Head of Water Unit, DG Environment*
- 11.00** Water Framework Directive requirements when preparing new projects  
*Lourdes Alvarellas, Water Unit, DG Environment*
- Q&A and discussion
- 12.00** Ensuring WFD compliance: a checklist tool  
*Jan Brooke, Environmental Consultant*
- 12.30** Lunch and Networking
- 14.00** Good practices and case studies in hydropower and river navigation:  
Inter-sectoral cooperation in the Danube Basin: Joint Statement Inland  
Navigation and Guiding Principles on Sustainable Hydropower  
Development  
*Raimund Mair, ICPRD*
- Sustainable hydropower development in Austria  
*Dr. Veronika Koller-Kreimel, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture,  
Forestry, Environment and Water Management*
- Water Framework Directive compliance for a small navigation dredging  
project: a UK example  
*Jan Brooke, Environmental Consultant*
- 16.00** Closing of the first day
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## Wednesday 10 June

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**09.30** Welcome coffee

**10.00** Good practices and case studies in flood management and river restoration:

Ecological restoration and dike relocation on the river Elbe, Germany  
*Dr. Kristian Damm, KIT*

Modernisation of Wroclaw regional floodway system, Poland  
*Monika Gbiorczyk, Paulina Kupczyk, RZGW Wroclaw*

An approach to ensure minimal ecological effects of new physical projects in the Netherlands  
*Marcel van den Berg, Rijkswaterstaat Water*

Q&A and discussion

**13.00** Conclusions and Closing remarks

*Eckart Tronnier, Head of Water Division, JASPERS*

*Jorge Rodriguez Romero, Team Leader, Water Unit, DG Environment*