



JASPERS Networking Platform

Training on environmental requirements for cohesion policy projects in the 2014-2020 programming period

Lessons Learnt in the years 2015-2017 and recent developments

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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.

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Description of the training

The training is the third in a series of events that will address in detail environmental requirements for projects to be funded by European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) in the period 2014-2020 and more in particular familiarize the participants with the new requirements and improve their existing knowledge in identifying and presenting the necessary environmental information in the Major Project Application Form. It comes as a follow up to two previous trainings held in 2015 and 2016.

The aim of this particular training is to take stock of Lessons Learnt in the years 2015-2017 and focus on topics such as requirements of the amended EIA Directive and transitional provisions for projects, assessing project compliance with the Water Framework Directive - taking into consideration recent CIS guidance No. 36 concerning exemptions to the Environmental Objectives according to Article 4(7) - and the Habitats Directive.

The target group of the training are representatives from managing authorities and line ministries and beneficiaries that are or will be responsible for the preparation of projects in the period 2014-2020. The training is also addressed to authorities in Member States responsible for the permitting of new infrastructure projects.

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

To register for the event, please fill out the following [online form](#).

Applicants are encouraged to prepare questions on the topics that will be addressed in the workshop using the online form, as a proposal for discussion during the Q&A sessions planned in the following tentative agenda.

The **deadline for the registration is Thursday 25 January 2018** but we encourage interested participants to register early as the number of places is limited.

For more information on this event, please contact jaspersnetwork@eib.org.

For any further information this training and on the activities of the JASPERS Networking Platform please contact us at jaspersnetwork@eib.org or visit our website www.jaspersnetwork.org

FINAL AGENDA

9:00 - 9:15	Registrations	
9:15 - 9:30	Introduction/Presentation of the Seminar Plan/Tour de Table	DG REGIO/JASPERS
9:30 - 10:30	Lessons Learnt in the years 2015-2017	DG REGIO/DGENV/JASPERS
10:30 - 10:45	Break	
10:45 - 11:30	Amended EIA Directive, requirements for projects, transitional provisions	DG ENV/ Mainstreaming & Environmental Assessments Unit (E.1)
11:30 – 12:00	Projects covered by Annex I and Annex II of the EIA Directive. [Information for sections F.3.3 and F.3.4 of the Major Project Application]	JASPERS
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00 – 13:45	Application of the Habitats Directive [Information for Section F.4 of the Major Project Application]	DG ENV/Nature Protection Unit (D3)
13:45 - 14:45	Application of Directive 2000/60/EC, including the compliance with Art 4.7 [Information for Sections F.5 of the Major Project Application]	DG ENV/Clean Water Unit (C1) and Mainstreaming & Environmental Assessments Unit/Jaspers
14:45 - 15:00	Break	
15:00 - 16:45	Interactive Practice Cases Quality check of part F of the project Application. <i>The participants will be split into smaller groups and given mock case studies of projects and/or completed application forms.</i> <i>Based on the topics covered previously in the day they will be asked to spot gaps and shortcomings.</i>	JASPERS



<p><i>In the end each case study will be jointly discussed in order to identify common problems and facilitate knowledge exchange.</i></p>	
<p>16:45 - 17:00 Closure – Wrap up</p>	<p>JASPERS</p>