



## JASPERS Networking Platform

### Good Practices in developing digital projects co-financed by EC

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**Date:** 26 November 2020

**Location:** Webinar - Webex (9:30-13:00)

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JASPERS is a joint initiative of the EU and EIB that supports the preparation of high-quality projects, endorsed by EU Structural and Investment Funds, EU pre-accession funds, and the Connecting Europe Facility. JASPERS provides independent advice on sound project preparation and capacity building to national authorities, as well as an Independent Quality Review of projects prior their submission to the EU.

The JASPERS Networking Platform was created to complement JASPERS project advisory operations by implementing knowledge sharing and capacity building activities, as well as fostering dissemination of good practices and exchange of experiences among all EU member states, pre-accession countries and other JASPERS Stakeholders.

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#### Description of the workshop

The main theme of this webinar is to share JASPERS experience of working with EU co-financed investment projects in the digital sector under the previous and current EU programming period, with a focus will be on Broadband projects.

EU-driven projects are governed by numerous sector-related policies and regulations to be followed in order to be compliant for co-financing. JASPERS will also share some of the lessons learnt from concrete advisory support to projects in the sector. In addition, the steps in developing a sector-related Feasibility Study and a Cost-Benefit-analysis, following the methodology of the EU will be demonstrated.

A case study of a recently approved major-sized broadband project will be presented, illustrating how the above methodology has been applied.

Finally, representatives from DG NEAR and DG CONNECT will deliver presentations on the latest development of WBIF and the future policies and priorities in the digital sector in the Western Balkans respectively.

## Agenda

<b>26 November 2020</b> <b>9:30-13:00</b>	
<b>9:30-9:45</b>	<b>Opening remarks. Status of broadband in Albania</b> Ms. Daniela Cekani NIPAC Office, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs Ms. Malolli, Director, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy
<b>9:45-9:55</b>	<b>JASPERS advisory and capacity building support for EU member states and IPA countries</b> Mr. Massimo Marra, JASPERS
<b>9:55-10:25</b>	<b>EC methodology for major projects in the digital sector</b> Mr. Michael Schaller/Mr. Konrad Azzopardi, JASPERS
<b>10:25-10:40</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>10:40- 11:00</b>	<b>Cost-Benefit financial and economic analysis of major projects, with focus on broadband projects</b> Ms. Joanna Knast-Braczkowska, JASPERS
<b>11:30-12:00</b>	<b>Case study – Rural broadband implementation in Greece</b> Mr. Vasilis Dermosoniadis, Enomix
<b>12:00-12:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>12:15-12:30</b>	<b>Digital policy for the WB and priorities in the digital sector</b> David Ringrose, Head of Unit, DG Connect
<b>12:30-12:45</b>	<b>Update on WBIF and digital sector under the WBIF</b> Enrica Chiozza, Policy Officer, DG NEAR
<b>12:45-13:00</b>	<b>Q&amp;A and conclusions</b>

All sessions will include 5 minutes for question