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Webinar on Habitats Directive

Needs for advisory and technical capacity building support for 2021-27

- ✓ **Increased need for capacity building and horizontal supports**
- ✓ Capacity building of **regional and local stakeholders, final beneficiaries**
- ✓ Advising in **upstream/early stage combined with capacity building** and drafting of methodological papers
- ✓ **Closer cooperation with JASPERS** in achieving the goals of the 2021-27 work programme
- ✓ Key areas identified for capacity building activities: **Climate, CBA, Environment and State aid**
- ✓ Adapting Jaspers support to **new areas/projects**
 - ✓ **Climate/Green deal, Circular economy** and urban planning, Taxonomy '*do no significant harm*', Health investment, Social inclusion, Economic Appraisal Vademecum 2021-2027

- ✓ **Current capacity building and horizontal activities for Member States**
 - ✓ Webinars and trainings/workshops on **Habitat Directive**
 - ✓ **Webinar for Water Framework Directive (WFD)** requirements in projects
 - ✓ Revision of JASPERS **WFD checklist**
- ✓ **Challenges of the next Programming Period**
 - ✓ **Increased MSs responsibility in appraising projects' compliance with Env. Directives**
 - ✓ Compliance with the **Habitats Directive** remain a challenge for a large number of MSs
 - ✓ **Do no significant harm to the environment**
- ✓ **Increased need for capacity building and horizontal activities in the future**
 - ✓ Continuous trainings on main Environmental Directives
 - ✓ Helping MS with project appraisal process at national level
 - ✓ New areas: taxonomy – '*do no significant harm*'

Main challenges faced in applying the **Habitats Directive** – based on **your** feedback

- ✓ **Skill/knowledge/capacity** in the Article 6.3 procedure
- ✓ **Different level of involvement of all stakeholders** related to the implementation of the Habitats Directive
- ✓ Poor/improper transposition of the Habitats Directive
- ✓ **Lack of SSCOs and MPs**; difficulties in setting up of SSCOs and preparing MPs
- ✓ **Underestimation by MSs of the time necessary** to set up appropriate SSCO and to improve a site Management Plan for a Natura 2000 site.
- ✓ **Proper screening** (level of information required on SSCOs in the screening stage)
- ✓ **Quality of AA studies, lack of sufficient baseline data** on specific Natura 2000 site concerned
- ✓ Defining '**significance**' thresholds for impacts on habitats & species.
- ✓ Application of the **compensatory measures** under the Habitats Directive

Questions to the audience

- 1) What do you consider as the biggest challenge for the 2021-27 period when ensuring project compliance with the Habitat Directive?
- 2) How can JASPERS assist you in overcoming these challenges (both via advisory and capacity building)?
- 3) What type of capacity building support you would like to see more from JASPERS in 2021-27?
 - a) Case studies and good practices dissemination
 - b) Practical trainings and hands-on workshops in your country
 - c) Train-the-trainers and transfer of knowledge
 - d) Checklists and practical manuals for project preparation
 - e) Exchanges of experiences with peers in other MSs





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