JASPERS and its services

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Who we are

JASPERS
Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions

• Established in 2005 as a partnership between the EC and the EIB

• Catalyst to turn EU policies, regulations and requirements into infrastructure projects

• Advisors of trust by the side of our beneficiaries

• No consultants, but – complementarily – helping beneficiaries making good use of them
Who we are

+ 123 staff

Direct support through local presence (external offices)
recognized competitive advantage of JASPERS

High Expertise
engineers, economists, horizontal topics (climate, environment, state aid…) with project expertise

Sector specialisation
circular economy, digital, energy, environment, Health & education, mobility, RDI, urban… + direct access to additional expertise

Bucharest
Sofia
Warsaw
Brussels
Luxembourg
Vienna
Advisory support in project preparation

**Transport**

**Energy**

**Health, education and social**

**Climate, environment and risk management**

**RDI and ICT**

**Water and waste water**

**Circular economy and solid waste**

**Urban development**

**Horizontal subjects: Climate Proofing, Economic Appraisal/CBA, State aid**
What we do: JASPERS Services

Support for the development of projects (methodological guidance, advise, project appraisal)

Advice on horizontal issues (e.g. environmental matters, climate, road safety, CBA)

Assistance in preparation of sector strategies, plans

Support for the preparation of investment programmes and schemes

Selective support to project implementation

Capacity building networking, training, knowledge transfer
JASPERS' countries of operation and OEU mandates

JASPERS Mandates Covering OEU Countries:

**JASPERS IPA III (from DG NEAR):**
Advisory support in all infrastructure sectors for the WB & Türkiye

**JASPERS EPIC (from DG NEAR):**
Advisory support and technical assistance in transport for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine

**JASPERS EU (from DGs REGIO / MOVE):**
Advisory support for Ukraine and Moldova, with a focus on transport investments eligible for CEF funding

Countries with advisory mandates as of 31 October 2023

- EIB offices
- EIB and JASPERS offices
- Original beneficiaries
- EU countries joining later
- IPA region
- Eastern Partnership countries
**JASPERS Pre-Accession Mandates**

- **IPA I**
  - Serbia
  - the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
  - Montenegro

- **IPA II**
  - Albania
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Kosovo*
  - Montenegro
  - Serbia
  - The Republic of North Macedonia
  - Turkey

- **IPA III**
  - all IPA III countries

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**IPA II-III Bridging**
- all IPA countries

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**SERBIA NP 2013 and 2018**

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*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.*
The nature of JASPERS’ advisory work

- Advisors of trust to beneficiaries, independence
- We are not consultants
- Free of charge for beneficiaries
- Continuous availability, proximity to beneficiaries, hands-on approach
- Best results when involved from early on
- Close cooperation with IFIs to ensure compliance with their requirements
- Beneficiaries ultimately responsible for projects; free decision to follow advice
- Funding decisions (grants or loans) remain with fund provider
Creating a JASPERS advisory assignment under IPA III

- Advisory assignments scoped in cooperation between beneficiary & JASPERS
  - Draft Assignment Fiche consulted with EU Delegation
  - JASPERS clears Assignment Fiche with DG NEAR (5 days tacit procedure)
  - JASPERS starts formally working with the beneficiary
  
  Assignment scope described in Assignment Fiche
  Assignment Fiche submitted through NIPAC office to JASPERS
  JASPERS confirms assignment to NIPAC office
IPA Countries:

- **E80 Motorway Nis – Merdare** (Pre-FS, FS/PD/EIA, DD) (SRB)
- **Support to prepare / implement** the **motorway section Ivan - Ovčari** (Corridor Vc) (BiH)
- **Tirana Bypass** (FS/ EiA Update, DD) (ALB)
- CC Resilience network assessment (SRB)
- Support to establish the **Transport Observatory for the Western Balkans** (WB6)

Other Countries:

- Advisory support for the **national Mobility Strategy** (MDA)
- Support for Infraestructuras de Portugal to prepare a **Climate Change Resilience Plan** (PT)
- Clean transport corridor **electric charging infrastructure** in Andalucía (ESP)
- Capacity building for **road safety** (BGR)
Road projects – our observations

Key lessons learned and critical project preparation issues:

- Strategies, Plans, Corridor studies
- Feasibility studies with PD and EIAs:
  - Demand analysis (traffic data, model and analysis)
  - Cost estimation
  - Option Analysis and CBA (incl. IFIs expectations)
  - Local EIA (EIA directive, Habitats & Birds Directive4s, WFD etc.) and ESIA
  - Climate Change resilience
  - Concept (Preliminary) Design issues; spatial plans & LCs, Gis,, underground structures (tunnels etc.), slope stability, RSA, design quality, State Review process and its duration
- Main (detailed) design
  - Design by state (Red FIDIC) vs Design & Build (Yellow FIDIC)
  - Reliability of the PD, GIs, EIA update
  - State Review issues – timing, resolving friction points
Road projects – other considerations

Other considerations:

- Strategies
- Network compliance vs investment budgets vs O&M
- Climate Change resilience
- ITS agenda
- Road safety
- Sustainability
- Alternative fuels/ facilities
- RAMS

IFIs
Road projects – how to get JASPERS involved

How to get JASPERS involved:

• Project level – WBIF, IPA grants
• Horizontal level – ad-hoc support assignments
  • Screening of project pipelines and prioritization
  • GAF drafting and review
  • Network advice – Climate Change, ITS, Road Safety etc.

• Call, email us – get in touch!!!
• We shall listen and tell you if and how we could help!
Thank you!

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