

Technical assistance and Capacity building

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JASPERS - 'Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions'

- a technical assistance partnership between EC (DG REGIO), EIB, EBRD;
- was established to assist new MSs, Greece and pre-accession countries (IPAs) - Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia - with the preparation of projects subject to Community financial support;
- assistance covers project review and recommendations, horizontal tasks, strategic support, capacity building and implementation support;
- provide assistance for any stage of project cycle from the early stages of conception through to the final application for EU funding.

- JASPERS operates on the basis of Annual Action Plans for each MS prepared in cooperation with the national authority and EC;
- **JASPERS Networking Platform**
 - was created as a tool to support and complement project advisory role;
 - covers all Member States and pre- accession countries;
 - is focused on knowledge sharing activities among JASPERS Stakeholders, dissemination of best practices, exchange of experiences and resolution of specific project preparation problems;

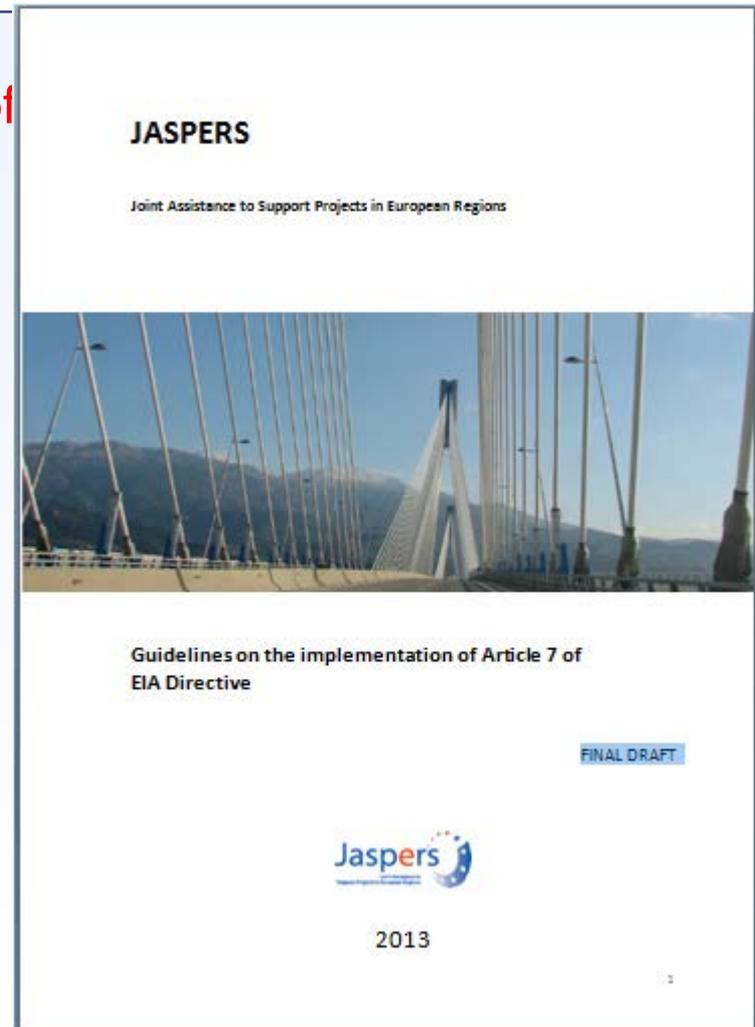
Horizontal issues:

- **capacity building activities;**
- training, workshops addressing specific issues and topics relevant to project preparation and implementation
- In 2013 JASPERS developed a standard package of tools and recommendations for developing a comprehensive training strategy on the implementation of EIA and SEA Directives;
- the tool can be used by MSs in the process of fulfilment the ex-ante conditionalities on EIA/SEA Directives, introduced by the Regulation for the programming period 2014-2020
- to disseminate this an workshop was organised in Brussels on 16 October 2013

Guidelines on the implementation of art.7 of EIA Directive

- the intention of the guidelines is to make available operational tools to implement EIA in a transboundary context;
- the structure of the guideline is based on three main topics:
 - transboundary environmental impact under EIA Directive (art.7);
 - determining significance of transboundary effects;
 - the procedure under Espoo Convention
- available on the JASPERS Networking Platform website (www.jaspersnetwork.org) in the publication section.

<http://www.jaspersnetwork.org/jaspersnetwork/display/for/Toolkit+for+EIA+and+SEA+general+ex-ante+conditionalities>



Thank you for your attention !

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