Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions

29-30 May 2013
Joint assistance launched at the end of 2005 to support European Cohesion Policy (Structural and Cohesion Funds 2007-2013).

Free technical assistance partnership managed by the EIB and co-sponsored by the European Commission (DG REGIO), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and KfW Bankengruppe (KfW) for the preparation of EU grant funded projects.

Acting in «EU12» (the 12 countries that joined the EU between 2004 and 2007) and Croatia since 2011 – anticipating its accession to the EU on 01.07.2013. Also started working in Western Balkans and Greece in 2013.

Mainly support of major projects financed by cohesion fund and European Regional Development Fund (> 50m€ total costs).
JASPERS structure

- JASPERS is managed by a Steering Committee with representatives from DG REGIO, EIB, EBRD and KfW

LUXEMBURG
provides overall coordination and JASPERS services to Greece, Malta, Cyprus, Serbia, FYROM and Montenegro

WARSAW office since November 2006: provides JASPERS services to Poland and the Baltic States: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

VIENNA office since March 2007: provides JASPERS services to Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia

BUCHAREST office since April 2007: provides JASPERS services to Bulgaria and Romania
Sofia facility opened in March 2009 (1 person)
Managing Authorities (MA) identify relevant projects potentially eligible for EU grant. At the beginning of the year, the Project Fiches are sent to JASPERS.

JASPERS proposes the Action Plan for the approval of the Steering Committee. Once approved by the Steering Committee, the Action Plan is submitted to the signature of the Managing Authority.

JASPERS reviews the Project Fiches and discusses the projects internally with DG REGIO and with the interested Managing Authority.

JASPERS experts work actively with the Beneficiary on the projects, the Managing Authority and the relevant Intermediate Bodies.

Member States continue to “own” the projects; they submit the Project Applications for grants as required by the EU Regulations.

The European Commission takes a decision on the Project Application.
The Action Completion Note covers the following:

- **the project background and justification**
- **the project description and components**
- **JASPERS’ input during the project preparation**
- **the result of the technical environmental and economic/financial evaluation and main issues that JASPERS has focused on and discussed with the beneficiary**
- **the final JASPERS opinion on the project and related documentation**
Some figures

- As at 7 May 2013:
- 683 assignments completed since start of operations (2006)
- JASPERS working on 527 assignments
- 334 JASPERS-supported applications for major projects submitted to the EU Commission, of which 252 approved
- Around 60bn €