

# ELI – Networking Platform Event

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# Partners and governance

## JASPERS

Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions

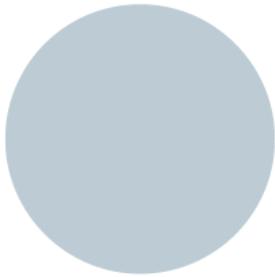
- **Partnership between the European Commission (EC), the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**
- **Managed by the EIB on the basis of a Framework Partnership Agreement with the EC**
- **Supervised by a Steering Committee composed by representatives of the EIB, EC and EBRD**
- **Coordinated with EC and beneficiary countries through periodic tri-partite meetings and a annual stakeholders' meeting**
- **Established in 2006 for the Programming Period 2007-2013, first extension for period 2014-2020**
- **Assistance is free of charge, as a service to the member states**



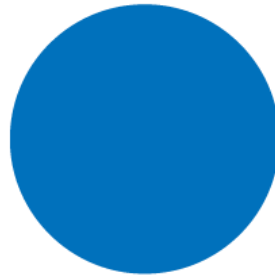
# How we work

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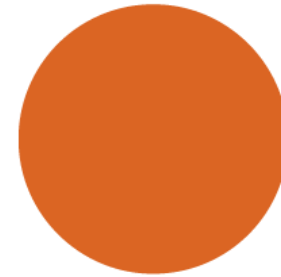
## Three pillars of services



**Advisory**  
Guidance in the  
preparation of projects,  
with upstream  
involvement, in-line  
with ERDF-regulation



**Capacity Building**  
Proximity to  
beneficiaries and  
knowledge sharing with  
hands-on approach and  
training



**IQR**  
Final endorsement for  
project approval as per  
article 102.1 of CPR

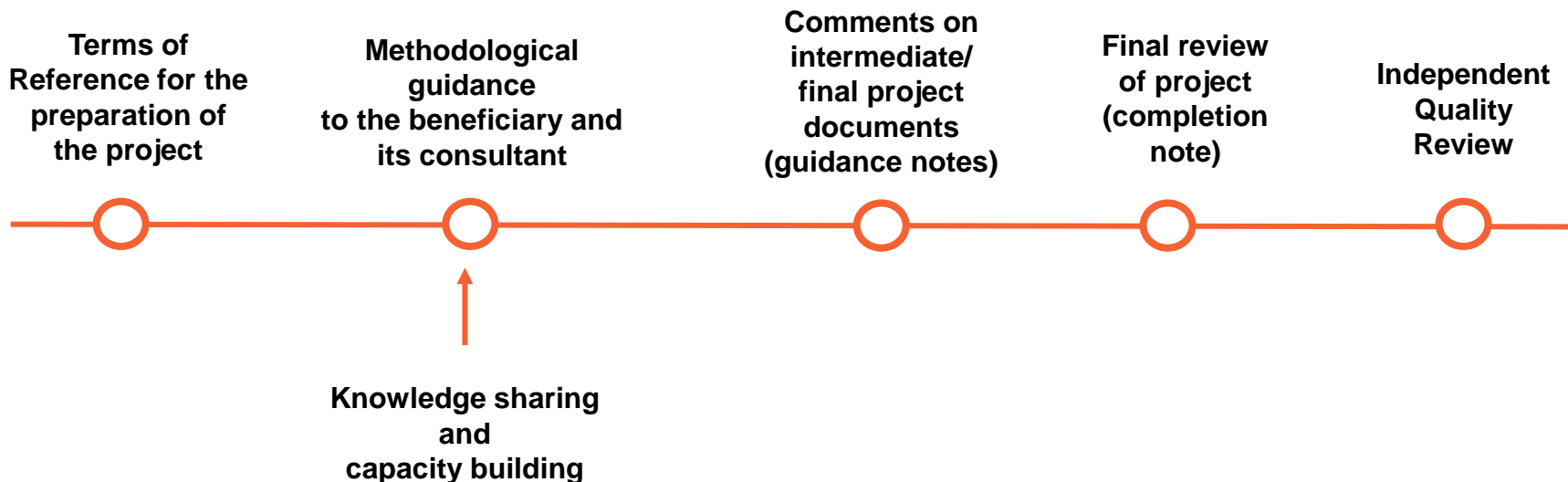
# Support

## Comprehensive support to projects

Support for strategic planning and to solve sectorial issues

Key messages:

- Upstream involvement
- Hands-on approach
- Proximity to beneficiaries
- Support is linked to EU ERDF funding and projects being in-line with national Operational programs



## Operational Principles

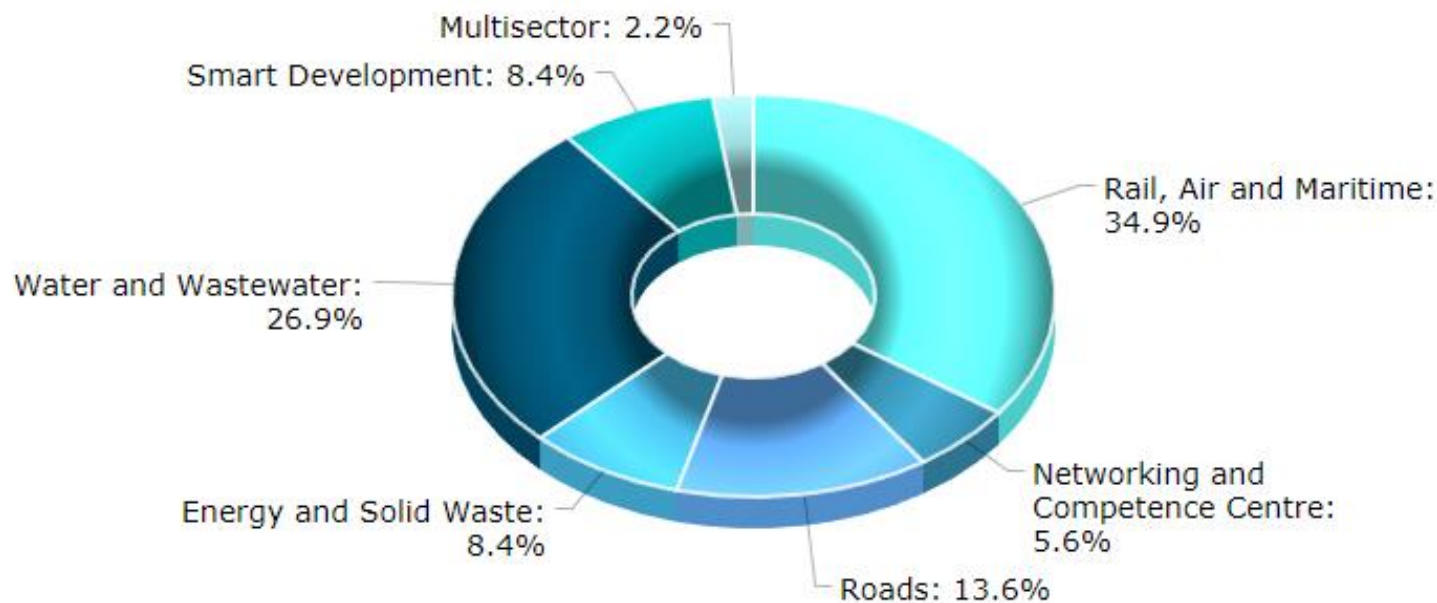
- **Focus on Major Projects , but increasing support for**
  - **non-major projects on strategic sectors (e.g. R&D, innovation, urban (ITI) and energy efficiency)**
  - **upstream support to beneficiaries at the level of sector strategies**
  - **horizontal support when needed (for example in State-aid issues, CBA methodology) to facilitate project preparation and approval**
  - **capacity building embedded as much as possible into project support, with dedicated stand alone activities when relevant and needed**
- **Local presence**

- 1** Support for the preparation of sector strategies and Master Plans
- 2** Support to project screening and prioritisation to maximise effectiveness of available funds in a sector
- 3** Support to project preparation through methodological advice and review and comments on intermediate and final project document
- 4** Capacity building through hand-on approach during project preparation support, dedicated training events, train-the-trainers workshop, and working papers
- 5** Integrated support in cross-sector projects (e.g. urban development projects in the context of the Smart Cities concept)
- 6** Support to the preparation of programmes and schemes (e.g. calls for proposals for non-Major projects, energy efficiency schemes)
- 7** Support for the definition and standardisation of project approval criteria and clarification of issues arising during the approval process
- 8** Support for the removal of bottlenecks to realise projects (e.g. advice on State-aid)
- 9** Methodological guidance (e.g. on feasibility studies, cost-benefit analysis, climate change adaptation)
- 10** Appraisal of projects to ensure their soundness, quality, and compliance with relevant regulations to facilitate EC approval
- 11** Support to project implementation through advice on procurement strategies, draft tender documents and establishment of Projects Implementation Units
- 12** Preparation of technical assessments to serve as the basis for policy decisions and regulations
- 13** Integrated support in cross-sector projects (e.g. urban development projects in the context of the Smart Cities concept)

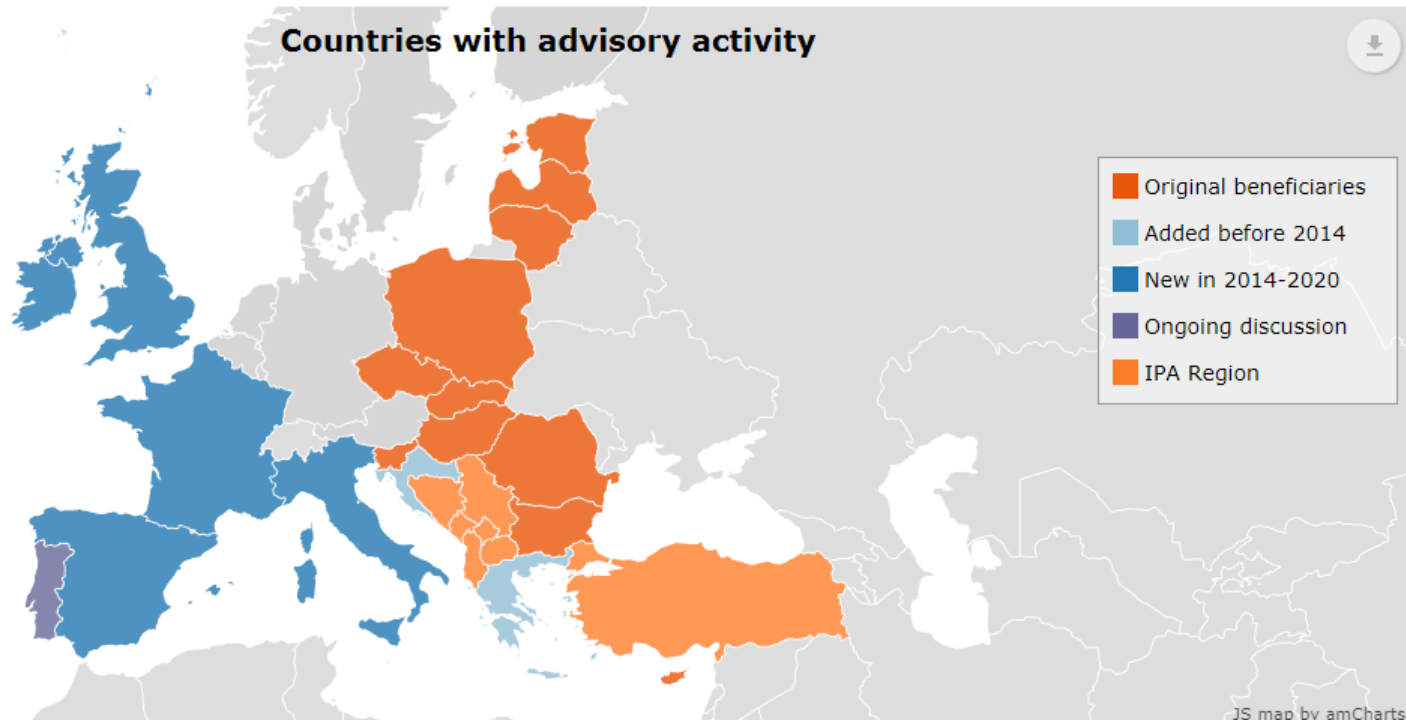


# Sectorial activities

## Distribution of active assignments by sector as of 31 May 2017

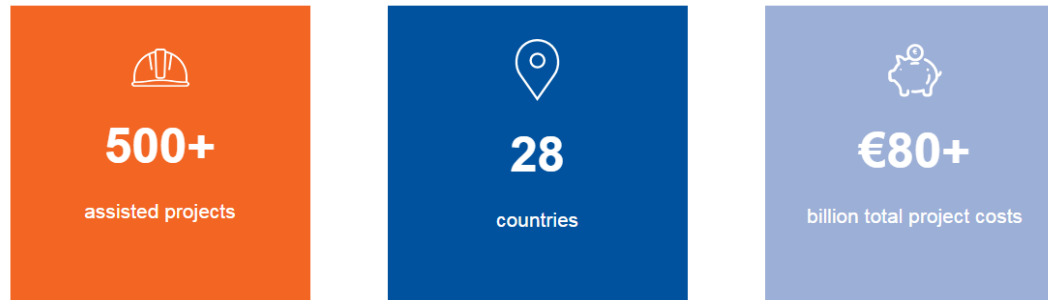


## Countries with advisory activity as of May 2017

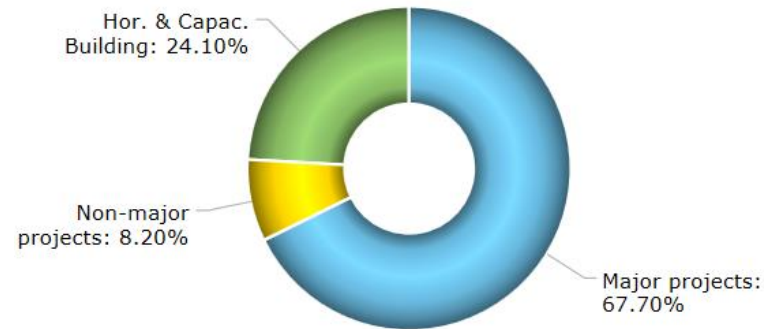




## Results so far



## 127 completed assignments in 2016

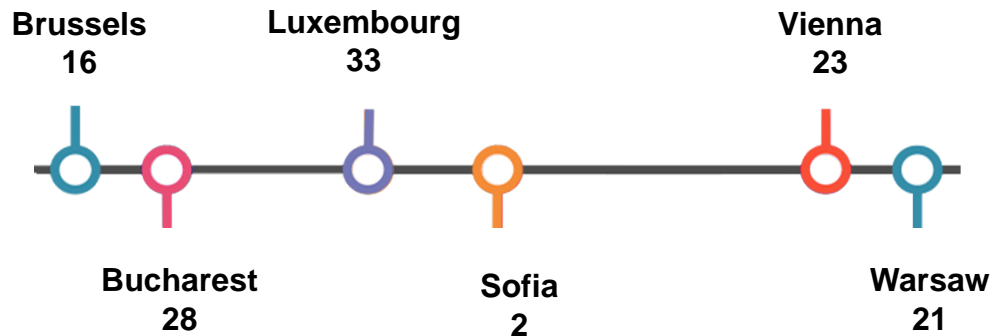


**JASPERS supported projects normally shortens the approval time for EU funding considerably**

# Staffing

## Situation at the end of 2016

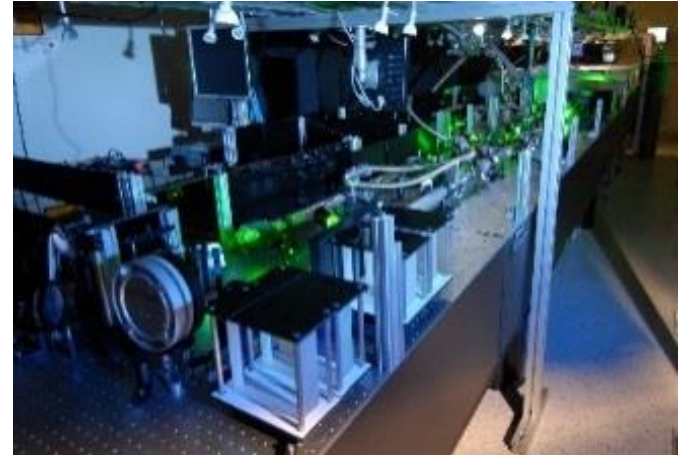
Local presence with **123** employees in **6** offices



- Proximity to beneficiaries reduces response time and facilitates knowledge sharing
- Local knowledge translates into good understanding of relevant issues affecting projects
- Multi-lingual and multi-cultural environment

## Scope of activities

- **Responding to Cohesion Policy 2014-2020**
  - **Research and Development**
  - **Education**
  - **Health**
  - **ICT (including Broadband)**
  - **Urban (incl. Smart cities)**
  - **Major and non-major projects and programmes or schemes**
  - **Horizontal assignments**
  - **Technical advisory**
- **12 Engineers, Economists or Environmental experts**



## **Involvement with ELI**

- **Provided separate guidance and support to all ELI pillars for first EU funding requests**
- **Focus on preparation of Feasibility Studies, Cost-Benefit analysis, as well as assisting with environmental issues and state aid**
- **Coordination with the different EC services**
- **Continuing support for preparation of phasing of the pillars and second EU funding requests**
- **Targeted post-approval support with monitoring and capacity building (including this event)**

## **JASPERS “wish list” for the ELI event, or a next**

- **Role of ELI ERIC as the pan-European glue for the project**
- **Thoughts on access policies and institutional set-up**
- **Cooperation between the ELIs, current and future**
- **Cooperation needs between national authorities concerned**
- **Recruitment of researchers, status and any issues**
- **Status of research areas; steps to have complementarity between ELIs**
- **Operational expenditure and sustainability!**
- **Role, if any, of DG Research and DG Regio during operation**
- **Approach and status of science parks and technology centres**



# THANK YOU

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