



## JASPERS Networking Platform

### Webinar: Enhancing capacities for supporting circular economy investments in 2021-27

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**Date: 23<sup>th</sup> April 2024, from 13.30 to 16.30 CET**

**Location: Virtual meeting - WebEx**

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#### JASPERS Networking Platform

JASPERS provides independent advice and capacity building support to beneficiary countries to help prepare and assess high quality projects to be co-financed by EU Structural and Cohesion Funds (including Just Transition Fund), by the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) and by the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF). In the 2021-27 programming period JASPERS has an increased focus on knowledge sharing and on strengthening the capacities of public administrations and project promoters involved in the preparation and implementation of EU-funded programmes and projects.

The JASPERS Networking Platform was created to complement JASPERS project advisory operations by implementing knowledge sharing and capacity building activities, as well as fostering dissemination of good practices and exchange of experiences among all EU member states, pre-accession countries and other JASPERS Stakeholders.

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#### Description of the Webinar

The transition to circular economy is high on the European agenda, as per the European Green Deal, the new Circular Economy Action Plan 2020 (CEAPs) and as one of the six objectives under the new EU Taxonomy.

Circular economy represents an approach, where the value and utility of products and materials are maintained for as long as possible, and resources are used in the most effective and economical way, while waste generation is minimised. Circular economy projects can be developed beyond the waste management sector— most importantly in research and innovation, water, urban development, the bioeconomy and industrial manufacturing.

Most Member States have included the transition to more circularity in their Programmes for EU Funds 2021-2027. Nevertheless, the use of available funding for Circular Economy projects is still limited and targeted to classical waste management projects. There appears to be a need for additional capacity building to provide Member States with the relevant skills and tools to overcome existing barriers and implement circular economy projects that go beyond waste management – as it has been raised by several Member States and by the European Commission.

As a result of this, JASPERS will design a Circular Economy Capacity Building Programme to be rolled out in the second half of 2024 and in 2025. To properly tailor this programme to Member States' demand and context, a needs assessment in terms of circular economy technical capacity building is being conducted in the first half of 2024.



This webinar is organized as a first step in this assessment, to reach out to all interested Managing Authorities and implementing bodies/line ministries. The webinar aims to:

- Inform the Managing Authorities about the latest developments in the area of circular economy and particularly circular economy activities that go beyond the traditional waste recycling and management activities; and
- Collect their first inputs in relation to the challenges they face when developing circular economy projects or project components, as well as capacity building needs they may have already identified on the topic.

This webinar will address in particular:

- Latest developments in the area of Circular Economy Policy in the context of the EU Funds Programming Period 2021-2027
- Methodological advice and good practice examples from EU Members States on how to move from circular economy strategy making and/or EU funds programming to project pipeline development.
- Panel discussion with Managing Authorities from Denmark, Belgium and France about their experience with developing and financing circular economy projects under ERDF.
- An open session, which will give all participating EU fund Managing Authorities and line ministries the chance to talk about the barriers they have encountered and the skills and tools they lack to develop circular economy projects.

The webinar will be held in English and participants will have the chance to join Q&A sessions.

Participants are encouraged to submit questions and to share their own experiences related to the webinar's topics when filling the pre-event questionnaire included in the online registration form. Received questions will be included in the debates and Q&A sessions in the webinar.

Following this webinar, in June 2024, an in-person workshop will be organized in Brussels to follow-up on the findings of the webinar and prioritize capacity building needs.

## FINAL AGENDA

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13:30 – 13:45	<b>Welcome and introduction on JASPERS and available capacity building support</b> Massimo Marra, Principal Advisor, Capacity Building Coordinator, JASPERS
13:45 – 14:10	<b>Opening remarks: circular economy as a policy objective in EU Policy 2021-2027</b> Myriam Boveda, Team Leader Sustainable Growth, DG REGIO Maria Rincon-Lievana, Team Leader, Circular Economy, DG ENVIRONMENT
14:10 – 14:30	<b>Circular economy projects financed by EU Funds in 2021-2027: Strategy making and project pipeline development</b> Dorothee Teichmann, Maria Blanco Herbosa, JASPERS
14:30 – 14:45	<b>Break</b>

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For any further information this event and on the activities of the JASPERS Networking Platform please contact us at [jaspersnetwork@eib.org](mailto:jaspersnetwork@eib.org) or visit our website: <https://jaspers.eib.org/knowledge/index>



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14:45 – 15:45	<b>Panel discussion: experience with developing and financing circular economy projects under ERDF</b> Signe Weber Carlsen, Danish Business Authority Chloé Besnard, Région des Pays de la Loire Luc Spronck, Wallonie Entreprendre
15:45-16:15	<b>Identify technical capacity building needs for circular economy in 2021-27. Interactive session (open session with Slido)</b> Ioanna Kourtj, Glenn Orveillon, JASPERS
16:15 -16:30	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Karine Measson, Head of Circular Economy and Sustainable Development Division, Project Directorate, EIB

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Note: 5 to 10 minutes Q/A session at the end of each session

## Recommended Reading

- JASPERS (2022), [Best Practices in developing Circular Economy Strategies in Europe](#)
- EIB (2023), [The EIB Circular Economy Guide](#)
- EC (2020), [A new Circular Economy Action Plan for a cleaner and more competitive. Europe COM \(2020\)98](#)

## Some relevant platforms and source of information on Circular Economy

- [Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform](#) (general)
- [Circular City Centre – C3](#)
- [Circular City Funding Guide](#)
- [Financing the circular economy | European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform \(europa.eu\)](#) (information on funding programmes on EU and national level)