



# Climate proofing requirement in EU Policy 2021-2027

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# Climate proofing in Cohesion Policy: Legal framework

## Regulation 2021/1060 (Common Provisions Regulation)

### Recital (10) of the CPR

Reflecting the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement, [...] the Funds should support activities that would respect the climate and environmental standards and priorities of the Union and would do no significant harm to environmental objectives [...]. **Adequate mechanisms to ensure the climate proofing of supported investment in infrastructure should be an integral part of programming and implementation of the Funds.**

### Article 73(2) of the CPR : Selection of operations by managing authorities

In selecting operations, the managing authority shall: [...]

- (j) **ensure the climate proofing of investments in infrastructure which have an expected lifespan of at least 5 years**


# Climate proofing of infrastructure in the 2021-2027 period

## Article 2 of the CPR: Definitions

[...]

**(42) ‘climate proofing’ means a process to prevent infrastructure from being vulnerable to potential long-term climate impacts whilst ensuring that the ‘energy efficiency first’ principle is respected and that the level of greenhouse gas emissions arising from the project is consistent with the climate neutrality objective in 2050;**

→ [Technical guidance](#) to support implementation published in 2021

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Technical guidance on the climate proofing of infrastructure in the period 2021-2027  
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**DISCLAIMER**

The purpose of this Notice is to give technical guidance on the climate proofing of investments in infrastructure covering the programming period 2021-2027.

Article 8(6) of Regulation (EU) 2021/523 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(1)</sup> (InvestEU Regulation) requires the Commission to develop sustainability guidance. Article 8(6) a) sets out requirements on climate change mitigation and adaptation. Pursuant to Article 8(6) c), the sustainability guidance must include guidance to implementing partners on information to be provided for the purpose of the screening of the environmental, climate or social impact of financing and investment operations. Article 8(6) d) stipulates that the sustainability guidance shall allow to identify projects that are inconsistent with the achievement of climate objectives. This guidance on the climate proofing of infrastructure forms part of the sustainability guidance.

Guidance by the Commission on the climate proofing of infrastructure projects, coherent with the guidance developed for other programmes of the Union where relevant, is also envisaged under Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(2)</sup> (CEF Regulation).

The guidance is also deemed a relevant reference for the climate proofing of infrastructure under Article 2(37) and Article 47(1) i) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(3)</sup> (Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)) as well as under the Recovery and Resilience Facility <sup>(4)</sup>.

The guidance has been developed by the Commission in close cooperation with potential implementing partners for InvestEU along with the EIB Group.

This guidance may be complemented with additional national and sectoral considerations and guidance.

<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/523 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 establishing the InvestEU Programme and amending Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 (OJ L 107, 26.3.2021, p. 30).  
<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 (OJ L 249, 14.7.2021, p. 18).  
<sup>(3)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, p. 159).  
<sup>(4)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility (OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, p. 17).

# Climate proofing in Cohesion Policy: Implementation

## Technical support available :

- Technical support from JASPERS (EIB)
- Technical Support Instrument (DG REFORM)
- Coordination at EU level – ENEA-MA meetings (DG ENV)

# Climate proofing

## Discussions with MAs

### C4T Working Group on climate

- Raising awareness and education, disseminating knowledge among investors
- Development of good practices in tender documentation for infrastructure projects
- Dedicated guidelines for different types of projects



### IQ Net - Accelerating climate action in 2021-27 Cohesion Policy programmes: how are green conditionalities being applied?

- Definitional challenges
- Establishment of thresholds and proportionality assessments
- Development of domestic guidance and assessment tools

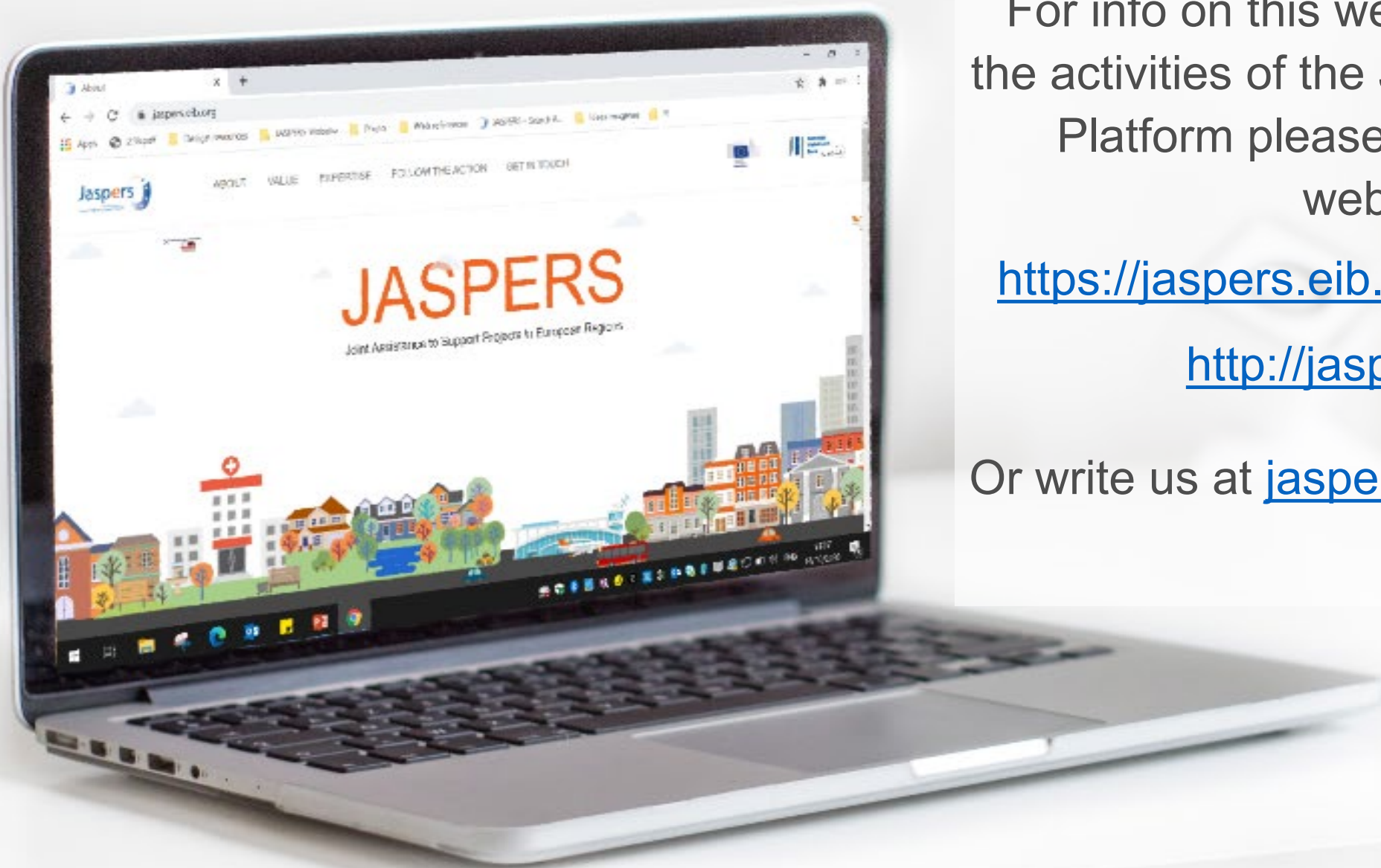
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