

JASPERS Networking Platform

Webinar on

Economic Appraisal methodologies and CPR requirements

in the 2021-2027 Period

Date: **10th November 2022, from 13:30 to 17:30 CET**

Location: **Virtual meeting - WebEx Events**

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

Investment projects financed by EU funds need to provide the best value for money and offer the best return for the society by providing services and goods in an effective and efficient manner. This requires evidence-based analysis and investment decisions based on objective and verifiable methods.

Economic appraisal aims to assess the extent to which an investment project contributes to overall social welfare including economic growth. Several analytical appraisal methods including cost-benefit analysis, cost-effectiveness, least-cost and multicriteria analysis, can be used to verify whether projects achieve their intended objectives in an effective and efficient manner. Economic appraisal can also be used to rank investment projects and could help in allocating limited available funding and resources among different investments options.

For the 2021–2027 programming period and the cohesion policy funds, the use of CBA is not a legal requirement. However, the Common Provision Regulation (ref: Article 73.2) calls for managing authorities to ensure proper value for money for the selection of operations to be financed, with a major shift of responsibilities from the EU to Member States. In this respect, economic appraisal can be used by managing authorities as part of a wider methodology and related criteria for the selection of operations.

Economic appraisal is also relevant in other investment contexts beyond cohesion policy, including for the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and the InvestEU Fund. In terms of international financing institutions, the European Investment Bank (EIB) conducts an Economic Appraisal of projects considered for financing, which are often co-financed by various EU funds.

In recognition of the above, DG REGIO has prepared with the support of JASPERS, the preparation of an Economic Appraisal Vademecum (EAV), for possible wider voluntary use across EU funding sources in the 2021–2027 programming period. This EAV complements the 2014 CBA Guide and is based on established good practices at both EU and national levels.

This interactive webinar will provide an overview of EA requirements proposed for the 2021-2027 Programming Period, according to the Common Provisions Regulation. In

In addition to a short presentation of the general principles of CBA, the session will also focus on simplified EA methodologies presented in the EAV, with some practical application case studies. It will be held in English and participants will have the chance to join Q&A sessions and discuss needs for further advisory and capacity building support in this specific knowledge area.

Participants are encouraged to indicate their questions on the topics that will be addressed in the workshop when filling the pre-event questionnaire included in the online registration form, as a proposal for debate during the Q&A sessions and final round table.

AGENDA

13:30 – 13:40	Welcome and introduction Massimo Marra, Principal Advisor, Capacity Building Coordinator, JASPERS
13:40 – 13:50	Opening remarks Sabine Vandermotten, Deputy Head of Unit F1, DG REGIO
13:50 – 14:10	Economic Appraisal according to the Common Provisions Regulation in the 2021-2027 Operational Period Alessandro Ferrara, DG REGIO
14:10 – 14:40	An overview of the Cost-Benefit Analysis and an introduction to EA methodologies proposed for the 2021-2027 Operational Period Alessandro Ferrara, DG REGIO
14:40 – 15:00	Q&A session
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break
15:15 – 16:30	Simplified EA methodologies: some concrete examples: 1) Simplified Cost Benefit Analysis for Energy Efficiency in buildings Davide Sartori, EIB 2) MCA/CEA technological options analysis for GSM-R investment Giorgio Watschinger & Paul Riley, JASPERS 3) Economic analysis for health sector in MFF 2021-2027 Adam Kozierekiewicz, JASPERS
16.30 – 16.50	Presentation of the simplified CBA Excel tool by CINEA Krzysztof Dzięcielak, CINEA
16:50 – 17:20	Q&A and discussion with the audience on further methodological and capacity building support needs
17:20 – 17:30	Closing remarks Sabine Vandermotten, Deputy Head of Unit F1, DG REGIO Luis Hebrero, Head of Division, JASPERS

Recommended Reading

Economic Appraisal Vademecum 2021-27

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/information/publications/guides/2021/economic-appraisal-vademecum-2021-2027-general-principles-and-sector-applications



Guide to Cost-Benefit Analysis of Investment Projects for Cohesion Policy 2014-2020

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/information/publications/guides/2014/guide-to-cost-benefit-analysis-of-investment-projects-for-cohesion-policy-2014-2020

2022 CEF Transport call for proposals and CINEA Guide on economic appraisal for CEF-T Transport Projects

https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/funding-opportunities/calls-proposals/2022-cef-transport-call_en

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/cef/guidance/cinea-guidance-on-economic-appraisal_cef-t_en.pdf

Technical guidance on sustainability proofing for the InvestEU Fund and InvestEU Scoreboard

https://europa.eu/investeu/investeu-fund/about-investeu-fund_en

The Economic Appraisal of Investment Projects at the EIB (update planned for December 2021)

<https://www.eib.org/en/publications/economic-appraisal-of-investment-projects>