



JASPERS support to the strengthening of technical capacities for project appraisal for 2021-2027 in Croatia and Slovenia

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Activities covered by JASPERS assistance



a) Assist the MA with improvements of national project selection and appraisal system:

- reviewing the existing project selection and appraisal systems;
- developing general quality criteria for appraisal of projects and support the identification of relevant methodological references;
- providing support in defining sectoral quality criteria where gaps and capacity constraints exist;
- assisting the MA with further development of project selection criteria in line with EC requirements (Art.73 of the CPR.)

b) Support in the development and implementation of targeted technical capacity-building measures:

- Assist in the identification and analysis of technical capacity gaps related to project selection and appraisal
- Support the definition and implementation of targeted capacity-building measures, including technical guidance, where these gaps exist;

c) JASPERS involvement in accompanying first project appraisals on a pilot basis

Project quality criteria



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Project quality criteria - structure



- The general project quality criteria guidance is built as follows:
 - a) Sections that refer to main areas of each project assessment (Options, Costs, Demand, etc.) irrespective of industry sector – based on IQR criteria used in 2014-2020
 - b) Each section contains:
 - (i) main criteria, sub-criteria and minimum information to be required from Project Beneficiaries
 - (ii) practical information and guidance for the appraisers on the elements that need to be verified and based on what source of information - this part of the material is intended for internal use of an appraising body.
- Criteria/guidance as applicable at sector level – to be developed on demand if gaps are identified
- Quality criteria refer to project quality only. The eligibility criteria for project co-funding under the Programme are set separately by MA.

Assessment of capacity gaps for project appraisal



- ✓ Target Audience: MAs and Intermediate bodies (line ministries)
- ✓ Goal: identify a) intended organisation of project appraisal function b) gaps in capacities (both resources and technical expertise), c) collaboration across involved institutions, d) experience with external support (including JASPERS),
- ✓ 4 main areas of assessment:
 - ❖ **General information** - including sectors covered, staffing, previous experience with project appraisal, use of TA, and previous cooperation with JASPERS.
 - ❖ **Existing capacities and methodological guidance for project appraisal**
 - ❖ **Technical capacity building needs**
 - ❖ **Project pipelines and programmes of future calls**
- ✓ Detailed follow-up discussions with MA and key IBs
- ✓ Outcome: **recommendations for improvements in appraisal function** and definition of possible **technical capacity building activities** (including development/updates of guidance documents)

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Questionnaire
Existing capacities, gaps and needs for strengthening project appraisal for 2021-27 in Slovenia

Section 1 - General questions

1. Respondent details

First Name:

Last Name:

Institution:

Job title:

Years of Experience in Current Role:

Email address:

2. Primary Sectors of Activity of your Institution (Select all that apply)

- Transport
- Energy
- Circular Economy
- Waste management
- Urban development
- Research and Innovation
- ICT (including e-services)
- Broadband
- Education
- Healthcare
- Environment
- Tourism
- Multi-sector
- Other (please specify):

3. Number of officials in your institution at management and operational levels involved in:

At management level At operational level

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Some Insights - Institutional Capacity

“Given the complexity of the projects, there is a lack of qualified staff, and a lack of access to additional training.”

“Although shift to green transition and almost doubling the funds for RES, energy efficiency, green mobility number of staff stays practically the same and is difficult to find staff with the relevant experience/knowledge.”

“We are currently addressing the gap by involving evaluators from other ministries.”

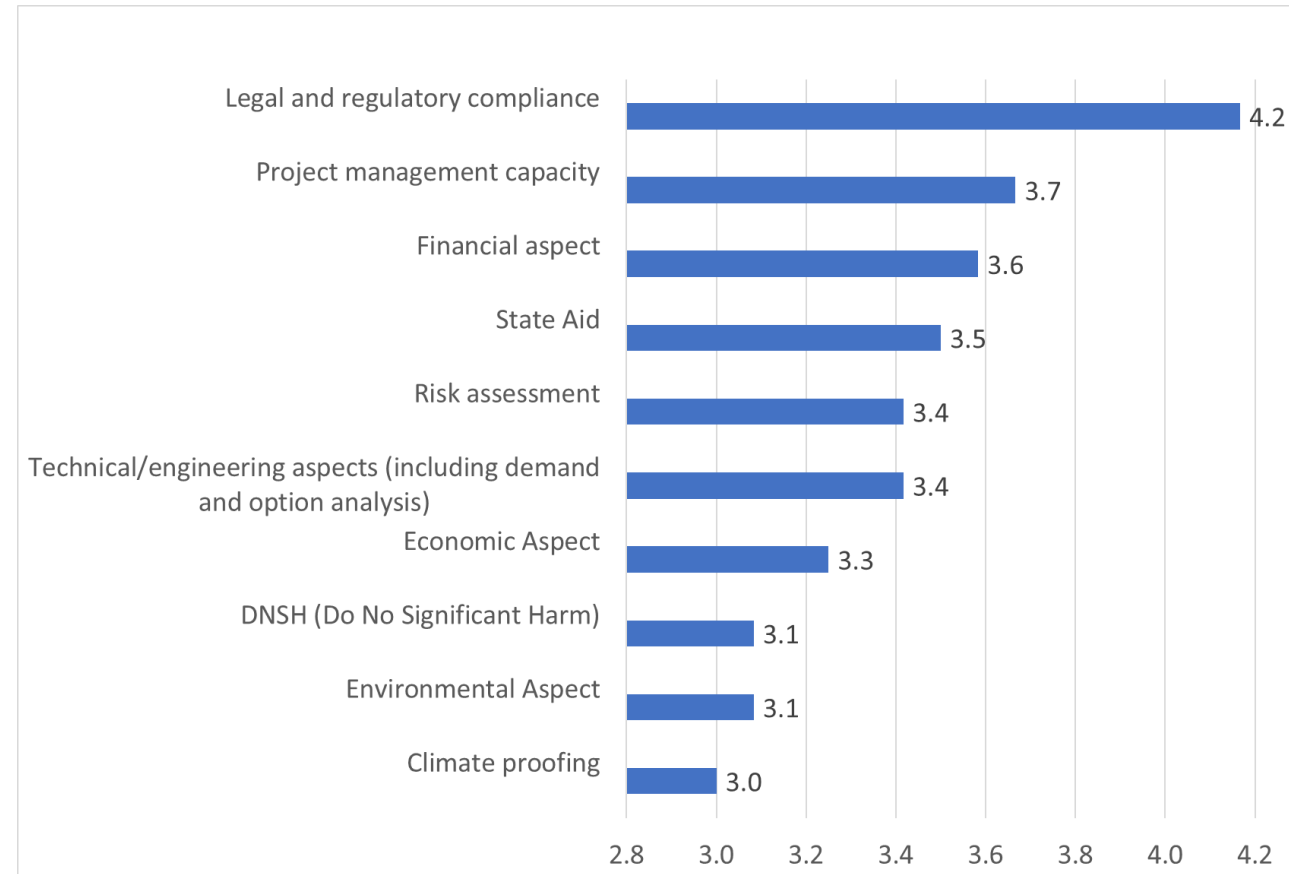
“There is not enough dedicated staff for independent appraisal of project quality.”

“We often outsource the preparation of investment documentation to national contractors.”

“There is not enough knowledge to assess the sufficiency of the analyses presented, the assessment of the CBA analysis and the climate and DNSH aspect.”

“There were no special education or trainings organized in our institution on project appraisal.”

Evaluate the capacity of your institution (1 low and 5 high):



“We believe that JASPERS experts could help us with general and specific trainings in the field of carrying out project quality assessments and completing checklists, including on climate and DNSH.”



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