



EIB Advisory/JASPERS Networking Platform

Webinar on

Decarbonization of District Heating Systems in the 2021-2027 Period

Date: 22 January 2025, from 13:00 to 16:00 CET

Location: Virtual meeting - WebEx Events

The EIB Advisory/JASPERS Networking Platform was created to complement 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 (including Moldova and Ukraine), Eastern neighbourhood countries and other EIB Advisory JASPERS Stakeholders.

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Description of the Webinar

District heating systems are a valuable asset, since – if upgraded to technical state-of-the-art levels and correctly maintained – they outperform any individual boiler system in terms of energy efficiency and environmental impact and help the European Union to achieve its environmental targets.

Numerous existing district heating systems still need to be upgraded to ensure compliance with EU energy policy objectives. For this reason, one of the key actions targeted by the EU Strategy for Energy System Integration is the acceleration of investment in smart, highly efficient, renewable-based district heating. The current district heating market context is not favourable to systems that have thus far used fossil fuels, as EU emission standards are being tightened and the emissions costs under the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) are increasing. This means that fossil fuel-based district heating systems face significant cost increases, affecting the competitiveness of their tariffs and undermining the long-term viability of district heating companies.

Substantial investments are required to transform existing networks into efficient district heating systems, reduce their carbon intensity and secure their environmental and financial sustainability.

In addition to EU cohesion policy, public financing for investments in decarbonising district heating systems and making them more efficient is also available under other EU instruments, such as the Modernisation Fund, the Recovery and Resilience Facility and the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) III.

The challenge for district heating decarbonisation projects is frequently the allegedly complex project preparation to benefit from EU funding. To address this challenge, JASPERS drew up a guide on Decarbonisation of District Heating systems with a view promoting a systematic approach to the preparation of district heating decarbonisation projects and encouraging the launch of more projects of this kind.

The webinar aims at further disseminating the findings/content of the recently published [JASPERS Guide on decarbonisation of DH systems](#) as well as the experience collected over the years by JASPERS in support of preparation of District Heating decarbonization projects in several EU Member States.



The webinar targets Managing Authorities, relevant line ministries and project beneficiaries in all EU Member States, as well as competent authorities in regions, municipalities and district heating companies planning to undertake district heating decarbonisation projects under the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework.

The webinar will be held in English and participants will have the chance to intervene in Q&A sessions and discuss needs for further advisory and capacity building support in this specific knowledge area.

Participants are encouraged to register and indicate their questions on the topics 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.

FINAL AGENDA

13:00 – 13:05	Welcome and introduction Massimo Marra, Principal Advisor, Capacity Building Coordinator, EIB Advisory/JASPERS
13:05 – 13:10	Opening remarks Stefano Lambertucci, Policy Officer, Energy and Climate Policy, DG REGIO
13:10 – 13:25	EIB support to District Heating Ralf Goldmann, Head of Division Energy Advisory, EIB Advisory/JASPERS, Project Directorate, EIB
13:25 – 13:40	Perspective of the European Commission Madis Laaniste, Policy Officer, DG ENER
13:40 – 13:55	EIB Advisory JASPERS support to District Heating projects Marcin Idczak, EIB Advisory/JASPERS
13:55 – 14:10	EIB Advisory JASPERS approach to decarbonisation of District Heating systems Francesco Angelini, Kaido-Paul Kranfeldt, Sarunas Bruzge, EIB Advisory/JASPERS
14:10 – 14:30	Applying State aid rules to decarbonisation of District Heating systems Christos PEOLIDIS, State aid Expert, EIB Advisory/JASPERS
14:30 – 14:45	Q & A
14:45 – 15:00	Coffee Break
15:00 – 15:15	Case Study: Prievidza Stanislav Voskar, Municipality of Prievidza, Slovakia
15:15 – 15:30	Case Study: Brzeg District Heating Marcin Idczak, EIB Advisory/JASPERS
15:30 – 15:50	Final Q&A and discussion with the audience
15:50 – 16:00	Closing remarks Luis Hebrero, Head of Division, JASPERS Coordination and Capacity Building, EIB Advisory/JASPERS