



JASPERS Networking Platform Webinar

EIB Advisory Support for Advancing the Circular Economy

Date: 11 June 2026, from 14:00 to 16:00 CET

Location: Virtual meeting - WebEx Events

The EIB through the JASPERS mandates 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) and by the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), by the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPAI) and the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF), the Ukraine Facility and the Neighbourhood Investment Platform (NIP).

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 [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.

Description of the Webinar

The [Competitiveness Compass](#) and the [Clean Industrial Deal](#) as well as the [EIB's Climate Bank Roadmap 2.0](#) identifies the circular economy as **a core pathway to competitiveness, inclusive prosperity and security and preparedness**, as well as **reduced dependence on imported critical raw materials**.

The forthcoming **Circular Economy Act** aims to accelerate the transition to a more circular economy. It seeks to create a single market for secondary raw materials, increase the supply of high-quality recycled materials and stimulate demand for these materials in Europe.

Other key developments on EU level include the [EU Taxonomy Regulation's environmental delegated act](#) (2023) which sets technical screening criteria for economic activities that make a substantial contribution to the circular economy.

In April 2026, the European Commission - DG Environment and the EIB jointly presented a [report on financing the transition to a circular economy in Europe and closing the investment gap](#). The report finds that, while investments in the EU's circular economy increased significantly between 2015 and 2019, a large investment gap remains in relation to the EU's transition to circularity by 2040. In sectors such as **construction, textiles, batteries and vehicles**, and across all life cycle stages, from **design, and manufacturing to consumption and end of life**, financing barriers persist and markets remain largely immature. Among other enabling measures, the report calls for joint action to expand advisory services to speed up circular project development and financing in the EU.

In 2024, under a dedicated multi-country assignment **JASPERS carried out a needs assessment on capacity building** for circular economy project pipeline development for investments linked to the use of available Cohesion funding, which showed strong demand for capacity building for both public and private sector stakeholders in areas like: circular project identification and preparation, development of calls for SMEs, state aid, cost-benefit analysis, project screening and selection criteria and circular economy indicators.

In this context, the webinar will be the final activity under the above-mentioned assignment and will address:

- the latest developments in circular economy policy in the EU,
- challenges and opportunities for developing a robust circular economy project pipeline,
- cities' role in the circular transition
- available advisory support at the EIB to EU Fund Managing authorities to help turn circular economy opportunities into projects and bankable investments.

The webinar will be held in English. Participants are encouraged to take part and express their interest in future webinars or other future capacity building activities offered by EIB Advisory.

The webinar will aim:

- To provide an update on the latest developments in the circular economy and an overview of the European Investment Bank Advisory support available to help Member States, cities and companies identify and develop circular projects for financing and implementation.
- To foster dialogue with Member States on how best to use the available EIB advisory support (in particular through the [JASPERS mandate](#) and the [Circular City Center - C3](#)) and to identify additional needs that are not yet addressed.

Participants are encouraged to register and submit their questions in advance through the [pre-event questionnaire](#), which will help shape the discussions during the final sessions.

FINAL AGENDA

14:00 – 14:10	Welcome and introduction Massimo Marra, Lead Advisor, JASPERS Mandate and Capacity Building Coordinator, EIB/JASPERS
14:10 – 14:25	Opening remarks - EU policy framing for circular economy under cohesion policy Ramsés Grande Fraile, DG REGIO, G1 – Smart and Sustainable Growth
14:25 – 14:50	Circular economy in Europe: Recent market developments and investment landscape Dorothee Teichmann, EIB Advisory /JASPERS
14:50 – 15:30	Enabling circular economy investments- EIB Advisory support for corporates and municipalities Jonas Byström, Circular City Centre - C3, and Dorothee Teichmann, EIB Advisory /JASPERS
15:30 – 15:50	Interest by participants in EIB capacity building offer in 2026 – Discussion & Slido Maria Blanco, EIB Advisory/JASPERS
15:50 – 16:00	Closing remarks and next steps Sebastian Hyzyk, EIB Advisory/JASPERS