




# JASPERS Platform Webinar

## Insights and key challenges in establishing Energy Communities (ECs)

20 May 2026



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# Today's Agenda

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| 13:00 – 13:10 | <p><b>Welcome and introduction</b></p> <p>Massimo Marra, Lead Advisor, JASPERS Mandate and Capacity Building Coordinator, EIB/JASPERS</p>   |
| 13:10 – 13:20 | <p><b>Opening remarks - EU policy framing for ECs under Cohesion Policy</b></p> <p>Joanna Jakubowska, DG REGIO, G1- Sustainable Growth Team</p>   |
| 13:20 – 13:40 | <p><b>Citizen Energy Package: what changes for ECs</b></p> <p>Achille Hannoset, DG ENER, B1, - Consumers, Local Initiatives and Just Transition</p>   |
| 13:40 – 14:00 | <p><b>EIB Advisory/JASPERS experience and support for ECs investments</b></p> <p>Nikolay Danev and Francesco Angelini, EIB/JASPERS</p>  |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | <p><b>Building local energy security and tackling the cost-of-living crisis: concrete examples of ECs</b></p> <p>Chris Vrettos, REScoop</p>   |
| 14:30 – 14:50 | <p><b>Applying State aid rules and ECs</b></p> <p>Sophia Zielinski and Emma Catros, DG Competition</p>  |
| 14:50 – 15:00 | <p><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>   |
| 15:00 – 15:10 | <p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>  |
| 15:10 – 16:00 | <p><b>Case studies: from idea to operation</b></p> <p>G. Claudia R. Romano, Emilia Romagna Region, Italy.<br/>         Ondřej Pašek, Energy Cooperative Hnutí Duha, Czechia.<br/>         Myriam Schulte-Sturm, Energie Samen, The Netherlands.<br/>         Discussion with panellists</p> |
| 16:00 – 16:15 | <p><b>Q&amp;A session and discussion with the audience</b></p>  |
| 16:15 – 16:30 | <p><b>Closing and next steps</b></p> <p>European Commission - DG REGIO, DG ENER<br/>         Ralf Goldmann, Head of Energy Advisory &amp; Energy Efficiency Division, EIB/JASPERS</p>   |

# JASPERS

## ‘Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions’

- Advisory partnership between EC and EIB, **active since 2005**
- EU Mandate focused on ESIF, JTF (REGIO) and CEF (MOVE)
- JASPERS model adopted for Advisory support to IPAIII and Ukraine (ENEST)
- JASPERS Advisory cover the **full project preparation cycle** - strategy development, project preparation and support to implementation - and **capacity building/knowledge sharing/horizontal support**.
- JASPERS Knowledge and Networking platform
- Delivery mode: **mainly EIB internal expertise**
- [JASPERS - Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions](#)



# JASPERS

## Areas covered



Energy



Circular economy and solid waste



Innovative industries & transformation



Health and education



Ports / Airports



Rail



Sustainable roads



Urban mobility



RDI and ICT & Broadband



Urban development



Water and waste water



Horizontal: Climate, environment, economics/CBA, state aid, innovation, risk management...

**MTR priorities are fully covered under the JASPERS EU Mandate**

# JASPERS

## Support across the project cycle



Assistance in the preparation of **sector strategies, programmes, plans**



Support for the **development** of projects



Advice on **Cross-cutting horizontal** issues



Support in the **selection / assessment / appraisal** for projects



Selective support to **project implementation**



**Capacity building** networking, training, knowledge transfer, institutional strengthening

# Cross-sectoral and Capacity Building support



- Knowledge transfer & support to strengthen **technical institutional capacities** (incl. through train-the-trainers approach)
- **Multi-Country Work Programme assignments** (jointly with DG REGIO & other EC Services)
- In-country **Horizontal and Capacity Building assignments** – as included in CWPs
- Assistance on key cross-sectoral subjects: **climate proofing, climate adaptation, state aid, project appraisal**
- **Assignments requested by the EC** (e.g. RRF and SCP costing assessment)
- Support to the preparation of **EC technical guidelines**
- **Preparation and dissemination of technical guidelines**, results of JASPERS activities, knowledge tools, case studies
- ✓ [JASPERS KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM](#)



# Knowledge sharing activities 2025-27

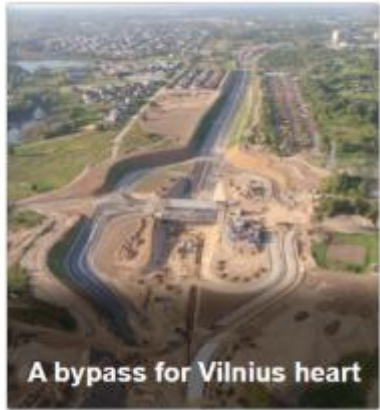


- ✓ **Practical approaches for the development and implementation of Energy Communities**
- ✓ Workshops on **State aid requirements to project preparation**
- ✓ Good practices and lessons learned for **climate proofing of investments - focus on Adaptation**
- ✓ Webinars on good practices and experiences in **JTF projects (tbc)**
- ✓ Webinar on **gender considerations in Cohesion Policy projects**
- ✓ Guidance and capacity building on the identification, prioritization and appraisal of **investments in electricity distribution grids**
- ✓ Good practices and lessons learned for **project assessment and selection in 2021-27**
- ✓ Workshops/webinars on **environmental and climate considerations in project preparation**
- ✓ Capacity building on **Circular Economy strategies and project pipelines**
- ✓ Trainings and webinars on **Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning (SUMP)**
- ✓ **Decarbonisation of District heating systems**
- ✓ Investing in **social and affordable Housing**
- ✓ Guidance and capacity building for the preparation and appraisal of **investments in water resilience**

# Examples of JASPERS Support



Advisory



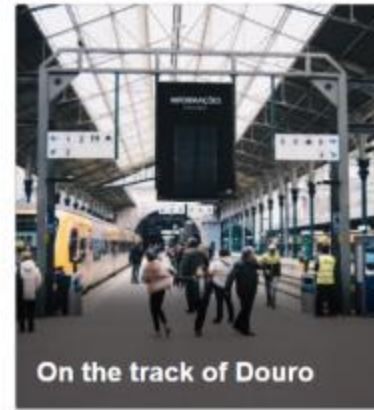
A bypass for Vilnius heart



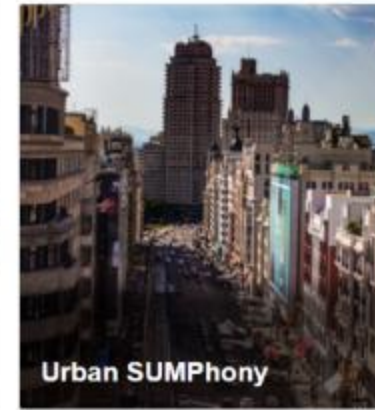
Paving the way to Limassol



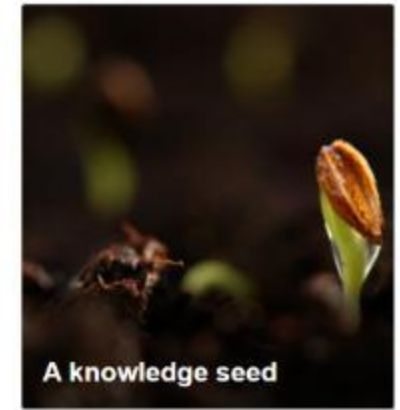
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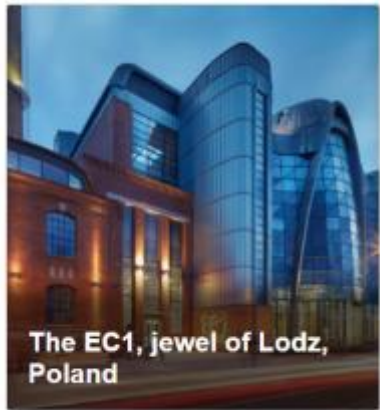
On the track of Douro



Urban SUMPhony



A knowledge seed



The EC1, jewel of Lodz, Poland



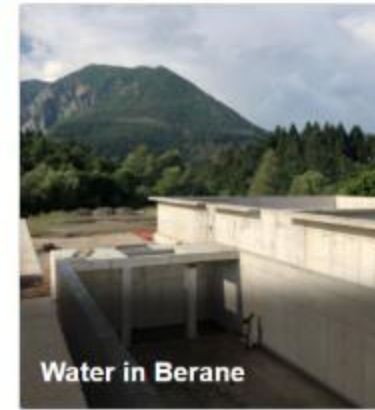
Anonymous heroes



E-schools in Croatia



From Gradsko to Drenovo



Water in Berane



Rethinking the sky

See all stories: <https://jaspers.eib.org/stories/index.htm>

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