

JASPERS support	Description
Project Review and Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of terms of reference, concept studies, methodological approaches, interim reports, draft feasibility studies, EIAs, application documents both at draft and final stage, at various points during the whole project cycle. • Identification of areas for improvement to enhance the quality of the project and application and ensure consistency with EU requirements as well as best practice • Recommendations to beneficiaries, their consultants, and management authorities on how to improve the project. • Summary of JASPERS' review and recommendations to ensure decision makers are made aware of JASPERS review prior to taking a funding decision.
Horizontal Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis and resolution of generic issues or problems which impact a number of projects, a sector, or a country. Examples include developing a suitable approach for multiple beneficiaries to tackle state aid or environmental requirements arising from EU requirements. Outputs include methodological papers and guidelines.
Strategic Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support in developing strategies, in a sector or sub-sector at national or local level (eg. a national transport strategy, an urban mobility plan), which underpin the project pipeline for EU funding. • This may involve support in formulation of a strategy, identification of project pipelines, preparation of action plans. It is especially relevant as countries prepare new operational programmes.
Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selective support in project-related aspects of institutional capacity through provision of external support teams, provision of "embedded" experts, preparation of guidance documents, training through targeted workshops, round-tables and webinars on topics such as CBA, State Aid, EIA on the Networking and Competence Centre.
Implementation Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selective support during the period up to the first construction contract, relating for example to advice on generic procurement documents, support for the set-up of PIUs, or targeted support on specific project implementation issues such as review of public service contracts in the transport sector.
Independent Quality Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This new activity for JASPERS in the 2014-2020 programming period was triggered by a change in the EU Regulation related to the Cohesion Policy, with the objective of shortening approval time for major projects. Projects may be evaluated by an independent quality reviewer before Member States submit them to the Commission. JASPERS acts as independent quality reviewer for all countries who ask for its service and as does a PSA (post-submission appraisal) for all major projects directly submitted to the Commission.
Support to CEF projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2015, seven Member States requested JASPERS' assistance for transport projects financed by the Connecting Europe Facility: Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. JASPERS' advisory support related to CEF was focused mainly on the development of the TEN-T rail and road corridors. The Rail, Air and Maritime and Roads Divisions of JASPERS contribute to the preparation of projects to be financed under CEF.
Activity in IPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JASPERS is active in the countries receiving assistance from IPA. Support is provided for the development of key projects, the preparation of concept studies and project pipelines, of sector strategies and for the transfer of relevant know-how.