

Assignment Completion Note – ACN

Horizontal / Strategic / Technical Capacity Building support

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JASPERS Assignment Title	Support to the MA PEKA & POLPRO to prepare the calls for selected projects to be planned and implemented in a holistic approach in the Water and Wastewater Sector
JASPERS Assignment reference	2023 162 GR SCE HOR
Country/Multi-country	Greece
CWP (JASPERS Country Work Programme) Priority(-ies)	Sector: Cross-sectoral objective Sector: Water and wastewater management, climate adaptation in cities, flood mitigation and prevention through nature-based solutions
CWP (JASPERS Country Work Programme) Objective(s)	Objective 1: Preparation and enabling quick launch of the 2021-2027 projects. Objective 4: Preserving water resources and ecosystems, and improving resilience to climate change
Contribution Agreement objective to which the assignment contributes	☒ 1. Facilitating the establishment of project pipelines with regards to the priority sectors of Cohesion Policy 2021-2027. ☒ 5. Contributing to the development of technical capacity of Managing Authorities and beneficiaries by hands-on transfer of knowledge, ☒ 6. Improving the knowledge and technical capacity of Managing Authorities and beneficiaries through horizontal assignments and capacity building activities contributing to quality project development
Linked Project(s)	2024 058 GR SCE ADV Alexandroupolis, 2024 059 GR SCE ADV Corinthian-Saronic Gulf, 2024 061 GR SCE ADV Kassandra Chalkidikis, 2024 062 GR SCE ADV Rethymnon water and wastewater
Beneficiary (-ies)	1. Ministry of Economy and Finance 2. Ministry of Environment & Energy
Managing Authority	National Managing Authority, Special Secretariat for the Management of ERDF & CS Programs, Ministry of Economy and Finance
Country Programme Name / Programme CCI (if relevant)	Programme Environment and Climate Change 2021-2027 / 2021EL16FFPR003
Policy Objective	Priority Axis 5 - Management of urban wastewater and water resources
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1. Description of the context for JASPERS Assignment

The project preparation and funding application for projects in the programming period 2021-2027 will include a holistic approach to the management of water supply and wastewater collection and treatment. The preparation of projects will follow the general principle that future investments in the water sector (drinking water and wastewater) should be based on a holistic, sustainable and cost-effective planning by the competent Beneficiaries who will plan, implement and operate the projects, ensuring 24-hour citizen service with acceptable financial terms.

In order to set the base and prepare the calls for the projects with holistic approach, the concept, the underlying criteria and the institutional project framework has to be defined. JASPERS will support this process of definition. The institutional framework applicable in the country must also be analysed considering the establishment of Regulatory Authority for Waste, Energy and Water.

1.1 Tasks described in the Project Fiche

- The outputs and deliverables will be in the form of meetings, guidance notes, peer review of a draft call of proposals and its selection criteria. The support to the Call and its selection criteria will be finalised not later than 11.9.2023.
- JASPERS will also prepare a concept note with the definition and framework of the holistic approach and support the development of the approach that Water Service Providers shall follow in the preparation of the respective projects and a proposal for the preparation of the project's governance.

2. Activities

2.1 Key activities performed

- Meetings and discussions with the Greek National Coordination Unit and Managing Authority and DG Regio.
- Concept Note for preparation of projects with a holistic approach in the water sector including aspects on the institutional framework and call criteria (attached).

2.2 List of JASPERS experts involved

Task Manager	Ralf Aymar	Deputy Head of Environmental Advisory Division
Team Members	Lubomila Popova	Senior Environmental Expert
	Monica Voinea	Environmental Expert
	Kenneth Valentine	Senior Environmental Economist
	Lise-Lau Nikolajsen	Lead Water Engineer
	Bernd Klett	Senior Water Engineer

2.3 Documents reviewed

- The document produced under the assignments 2021 028 GR WAT HOR, 2021 146 GR SCE ADV, 2022 004 GR SCE ADV till 2022 014 GR SCE ADV have been reviewed by JASPERS.

2.4 Schedule of Meetings Held

Date	Location	Purpose
09.02.2023	VC	Progress meeting with DG Regio
16.03.2023	VC	Progress meeting with DG Regio
27.04.2023	Athens	Progress meeting with National Coordination Authority and National Managing Authority
04.05.2023	VC	Progress meeting with DG Regio
14.09.2023	Athens	Progress meeting with National Coordination Authority and National Managing Authority
12.12.2023	Athens	Progress meeting with National Coordination Authority
17.01.2024	Athens	Progress meeting with National Managing Authority.
02.02.2024	VC	Progress meeting with DG Regio
23.04.2024	Athens	Meeting with National Coordination Authority and National Managing Authority

2.5 Notes Issued

Date	Note	Subject
27.07.2023	Draft Concept Note	Draft concept Note for discussion
21.08.2023	Draft Concept Note	Draft concept Note for discussion
12.10.2023	Draft Concept Note	Draft concept Note for discussion
22.03.2024	Draft Concept Note	Draft concept Note for discussion
29.04.2024	Concept Note	Concept Note for preparation of projects with a holistic approach in the water sector

3. Capacity Building

Capacity building objectives of assignment	Drop down list of objectives from Strategy for Capacity Building and Knowledge Transfer document
Capacity building activities (type and nr) that took place.	☐ Trainings/workshops/seminars with identified audience, Nr..... ☐ Webinars and e-learning, Nr..... ☒ Focus and working groups for discussion and exchange, including roundtable and coaching sessions Nr..... ☐ Multimedia and online tools (wider audience) Nr.....

4. Key Outputs and lessons learned

The key output of this assignment is the *'Concept Note for preparation of projects with a holistic approach in the water sector'* attached to this note.

This JASPERS assignment is linked with the assignment '2023 273 GR SCE HOR Framework for the implementation of holistic projects in the water and wastewater sector'. Under this assignment a *'Guide'* will be prepared to assist the Beneficiaries through the project preparation process applying the holistic approach.

5. Recommendations

JASPERS recommends that *'Concept Note for preparation of projects with a holistic approach in the water sector'* should be taken into consideration when planning new holistic water projects in Greece.

Annexes:

Annex 1 – Concept Note - for preparation of projects with a holistic approach in the water sector - 29 April 2024