

Large Project preparation and EIA

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1 – What is JASPERS

JASPERS is a technical support facility which was set up in 2006 by the European Commission, the European Investment Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to assist the 12 Member States which joined the EU in 2004 and 2007 to help them identify and prepare projects potentially eligible for assistance under the EU Structural Funds (European Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund).

JASPERS' main objective is to help these Member States make use more rapidly and more effectively of the EUR 350 billion grant finance made available by the European Union for the implementation of EU cohesion policy during the period 2007-2013.

The aim of the initiative is to improve the quantity and the quality of projects coming forward for approval, in order to benefit not only the Member States in question but also the Union as a whole through the implementation of the convergence objectives.



2 – Current Projects

As JASPERS in Poland we are currently involved in the following energy projects:

- Underground Gas Storages – Beneficiary PGNiG
- Gas Pipelines – Beneficiary Gaz-System
- Power Transmission Line – Beneficiary PSEO

and others.

All these projects has been included in JASPERS's Action Plan in consultation with Managing Authorities and beneficiaries, in the project fiche that describe scope of intervention.

3 – Project Structure and EIA

EIA is a tool for implementing sustainability, used to:

- ensure that environmental considerations are explicitly addressed and incorporated into the development decision making process;
- anticipate and avoid, minimize or offset the adverse significant biophysical, social and other relevant effects of development proposals;
- protect the productivity and capacity of natural systems and the ecological processes which maintain their functions;
- promote development that is sustainable and optimizes resource use and management opportunities.

These aims can be met easiest, fastest and at least costs if taken into consideration at earliest possible stage in the project planning (before administrative procedures begin)

4 – Application Knowledge – Annex. F

Prior starting beneficiaries should be aware of what it is required to the to be produced, information on “**what will be expected**” is publicly available:

- **ANNEX XXI** (Major Project Request for Confirmation of Assistance under Articles 39 to 41 of regulation (EC) No 1083/2006. European Regional Development Fund/Cohesions Fund. Infrastructure Investment)

- **Section F**

- Sources of info EU directives (following presentations)
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/pl/legis/index.htm>

Be aware and take those requirements into account from early stages of project planning if you want to be effective !!!

Think about....are you in condition to say of how many pages is made the application form for application...3...14...23...did you read it ???

5 – Plan your actions

Plan ahead your actions...

- Define project scope (including ancillary activities) – avoid “salami slicing”
- Consider need for and aim of SEA and EIA
- Plan the process of EIA (all – not just administrative procedure)
- Take into account synergies and cumulative impacts (including from other existing and foreseen developments)
- Prepare ToR for EIA report preparation (not limited to formal compliance)
- Be prepared to review quality
- Allow timeframe for completion up to quality standards
E.g. nature inventory often requires observations during particular seasons (next Spring will come next year...)

Be sure to be in condition to perform your activities in time according assigned date of application....time schedule to control activity will help !

6 – Transition Consideration

Polish legislation and practice changes so:

- Increasing compliances with EU requirements;
- “Older” projects were created under different EIA legislation regimes;
- Stay sharp and keep update - “what was OK yesterday may not be OK tomorrow”.

No blame...It is change, continuing change, inevitable change, that is the dominant factor in society today (Isaac Asimov) !

7 – Conclusion & Recommendation

- Use EIA in a wise way, is not just another document to be made but a tool to support your activities;
- To reach your target you must know what is the target, be aware of what is expected from you !
- Plan ahead your activities, when you know what you want, do it in a time according your deadline and external constrains;
- Stay sharp and keep update - “what was OK yesterday may not be OK tomorrow” !
- Share experiences and communicate to other !

Thanks for attention



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