

JASPERS available advisory and capacity building support to JTF, Urban Development and ITIs in Bulgaria

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Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions, established in 2006 (and active in Bulgaria since the start of its operations)

Partnership between the **European Commission** (EC) and the **European Investment Bank** (EIB)

Provides **free-of-charge independent advice and capacity building support** for preparation, appraisal and implementation of Cohesion Policy programmes and projects (including JTF)



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JASPERS services 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

Areas of expertise



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…

JASPERS Cross-sectoral and Capacity Building support

- ✓ JASPERS Networking Platform programme of **EU-level (multi-country) capacity building, training & knowledge sharing** – agreed with DG REGIO
- ✓ **In-country technical capacity building** assignments – based on requests by MSs for targeted capacity building and institutional strengthening assignments (including train-the-trainers)
- ✓ Supporting **development of EC technical guidelines**, preparation of JASPERS **technical notes/working papers**, dissemination of good practices
- ✓ **Advisory on horizontal issues relevant to project preparation** - climate change, environmental issues, economic appraisal, state aid implications for projects
- ✓ Revamped **Knowledge Sharing website**: https://jaspers.eib.org/knowledge/index



JASPERS support for Just Transition

Transition Plan → Needs assessment → Advise on project pipeline development → Soundness, impact and eligibility assessment → Specific recommen-dations → Advice on project preparation → Pipeline monitoring → Project Funding



Standard methodologies adapted to individual needs for **project assessment**



Individual recommendations for each project/region



Project preparation support



Capacity building events - trainings, knowledge transfer



Hands-on approach with in-house expertise



Advice on potential **sources of funding**

JASPERS support for Just Transition in Bulgaria

Support currently provided: Support to the MA for the implementation of JTF in Bulgaria

- Advice on the strategic framework/guidelines for selection of operations, conceptual development and structuring of operations
- Support preparation for implementation, including guidance for preparation of project pipelines, technical support for the design of calls, selection criteria and guidelines for applicants, and technical support for project proposals evaluation;
- identification of technical capacity building needs of the MA and other relevant stakeholders

Further steps:

- Dedicated support to the JTF Regions in Bulgaria for project pipeline identification and specific project development (where relevant) – scope to be discussed and defined with interested Regions
- Development and rolling-out of knowledge sharing and capacity building activities with all relevant stakeholders

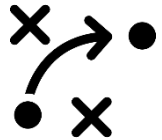
JASPERS wider support in urban advisory



Assistance in **preparation of sustainable urban development strategies, ITI, investment prioritisation**



Advice on horizontal issues – eg. urban climate action, circular cities, innovation, resilience



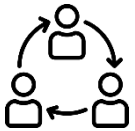
Support for urban regeneration projects, innovation hubs – methodological guidance, project preparation support



Support for the preparation of **investment programmes (neighbourhoods, city, functional regions)**



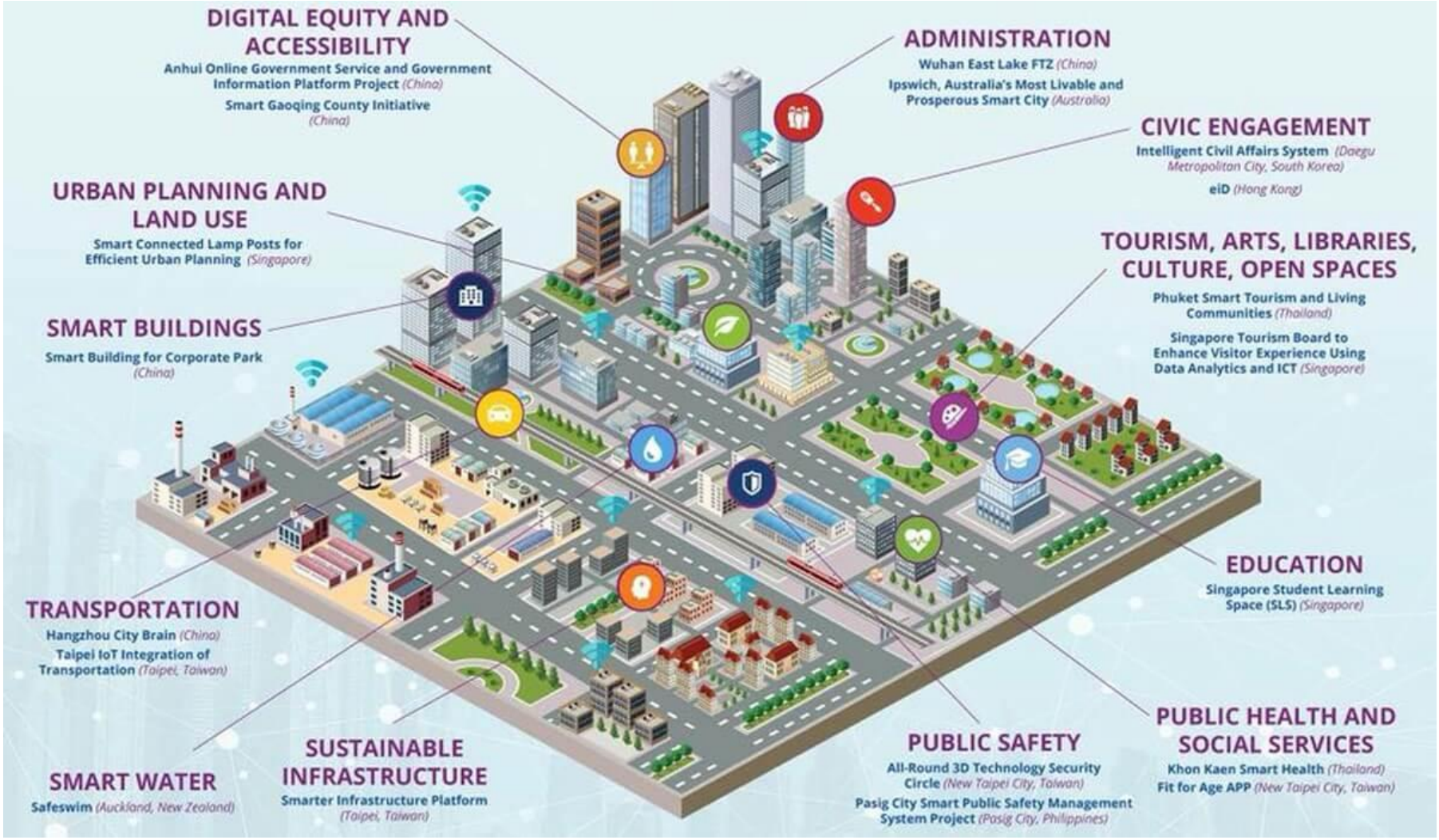
Selective **support – pilot project advisory incl. replication mechanisms**



Capacity building - networking, training, knowledge transfer

Urban advisory - Beyond the project - sectoral integration

– cities take a holistic approach



Source: IDC

JASPERS services for ITIs

Potential Pillars of support (Type of assignments) for ITI

Upstream support

- Horizontal capacity building and knowledge transfer on ITI implementation

Pipeline preparation

- Review of existing pipelines - support in development of robust pipeline in relation to absorption (risk management)

Project preparation

- Project definition
- Terms of reference for project preparation
- Methodological guidance and review of project
- Focus on benefits of ITI in project definition

Overarching general objective of support :

Support in developing the capacity in ITI development of investments, tackling creation of synergies and cumulative impact in relation to the ITI concept and other investment-related matters

How can JASPERS Engage in the ITI context?



ITI's in relation to Large Cities/ Agglomerations:

- Single beneficiary of JASPERS support
- Specific assignment with Local or Regional Body (ITI structure put in place or local authority)
- Initial scoping to define relevant bodies and coordination



ITI's in relation to Smaller Cities:

- Different scale – scrutinizing the horizontal added value
- Grouping of ITI's, with central or regional coordinating authority
- Advice to central/regional authority can include support structures
- Pilot/Demonstration Projects, and 'Train the trainer'

Policy Support:

- Purely horizontal at national level
- Technical and methodological support, ad-hoc advice
- Networking and best practice information sessions

Thank you

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