

Technical Assistance for Knowledge Economies

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JOINT ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT PROJECTS IN EUROPEAN REGIONS

- **A Technical Support Facility managed by the EIB and co-sponsored by the Commission, EBRD and KfW**
- **launched at a Conference of the EU Member States held at the end of 2005**
- **Helping to absorb EU Structural and Cohesion Funds to finance required investments in areas in need of regional development in the 12 new Member States which joined the EU in 2004 and 2007**
- **Assistance provided free of charge**

JASPERS OPERATES IN FRAMEWORK OF ERDF AND COHESION FUND



JASPERS' PARTNERS:

- **The European Commission (DG REGIO)**
- **The European Investment Bank (EIB)**
- **The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**
- **Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)**



The European Commission (DG REGIO)

- **Strengthens economic and social cohesion by reducing disparities between the levels of development of EU regions and countries**
- **Manages three major funds:**
 - **European regional development fund (ERDF)**
 - **Cohesion fund**
 - **Instrument for Structural policies for pre-accession (ISPA)**

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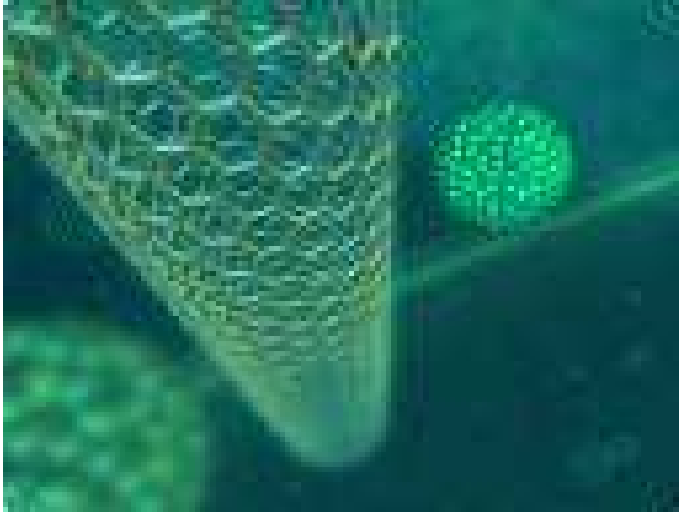
Project Applications

Article 40 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, outlines the information / documentation to be submitted to the EC in respect of a major project, namely:

- *Information on the body to be responsible for implementation*
- *information on the nature of the investment and a description of it, its financial volume and location*
- *the results of the feasibility studies*
- *a timetable for implementing the project*
- *a cost-benefit analysis, including a calculation of the financial and economic rates of returns, a risk assessment and the foreseeable impact on the sector concerned and on the socio-economic situation of the Member State and/or the region and, when possible and where appropriate, of other regions of the Community.*
- *analysis of the environmental impact*
- *justification for the public contribution*
- *the financing plan, including the indicative annual plan of the financial contribution from the ERDF or the Cohesion Fund for the major project*

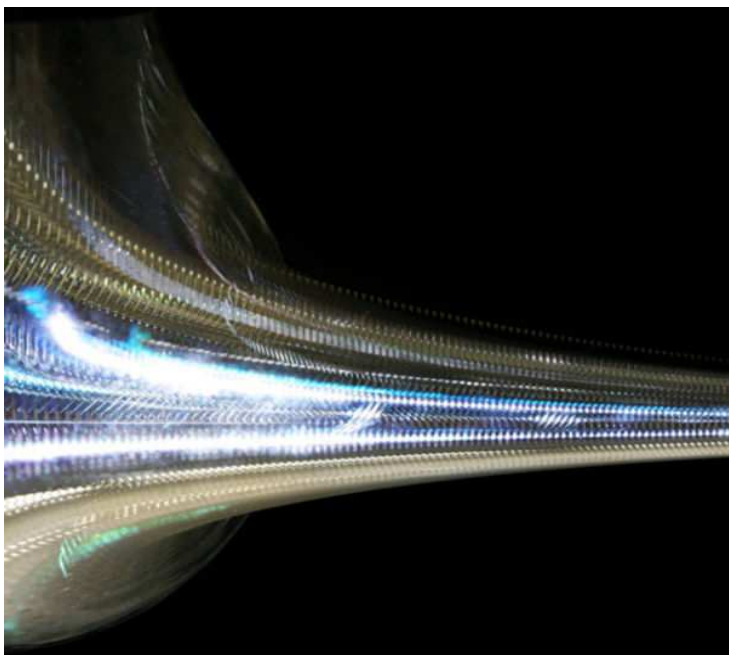
JASPERS' Staff as of 1st January 2010

	Bucharest	Luxembourg	Vienna	Warsaw	Total
Management	1	9	1	1	12
Water & Wastewater	4	2	3	3	12
Solid Waste & Energy	6	2	2	3	13
Knowledge Economy		2	1	1	4
Urban Infra		1		2	3
Roads	2		4	3	9
Ports, airports & railways	2	1	2	2	7
EIA	1	1		2	4
Total JASPERS experts	16	18	13	17	64
Support staff	2	6	2	2	12
Total JASPERS Staff	18	24	15	19	76



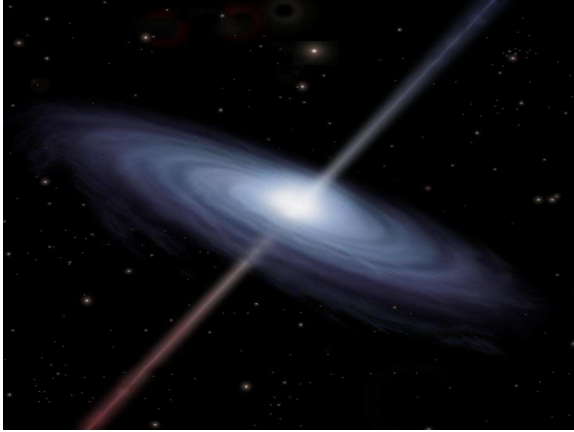
JASPERS' KBE team will typically cover projects re:

- RDI-infrastructures, science parks and incubators
- Higher and vocational education infrastructures
- Information and Communication Technology
- (Specialized) Health Care infra-structures



Opportunities:

- **Lisbon and CIP 2006-2013 underlined KBE as lever for economic growth**
- **Vision 2020**
- **R&D- Cohesion GAP largest in new Member States**



Challenges encountered

- mid of programming period / new team to be build
- filter-out “technological exuberance”
- triple helix/ open access/ industrialisation-marketing
- institutional framework / management (intangibles)
- State Aid issues (R&D and broadband)
- legal framework (ERIC)
- financial sustainability
- economic valuation of output



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