

ASSIGNMENT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Support the review of the environmental and climate proofing assessments of water and/or wastewater projects in Croatia and Portugal eligible under the JASPERS mandate MAA-010007

This Assignment will be awarded in relation to Lot 1: Environment of the Framework Agreement to Support EIB Advisory Services (EIBAS) Activities Inside and Outside EU-27 (TA20210614 R0 FWA)

Acronyms

AA	Appropriate Assessment
ACN	Action Completion Note
AF	Application Form
AS	EIB Advisory Services Department
ATORS	Assignment Terms of Reference
CF	Cohesion Fund
CPU	Consultant Procurement Unit
CPR	Common Provisions Regulation (EU (2021/1060))
DNSH	Do No Significant Harm
EC	European Commission
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIB or the Bank	European Investment Bank
ENVAD	Environmental Advisory Division
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
ESIF	European Structural and Investment Fund
EU	European Union
FS	Feasibility Study
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GN	Guidance Note
JASPERS	Joint Assistance in Supporting Projects in European Regions
NTS	Non-Technical Summary (of an EIA Report)
SDF	Standard Data Form
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SSCM	Site-Specific Conservation Measure
SSCO	Site-Specific Conservation Objective
TA	Technical assistance
WFD	Water Framework Directive

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.1 The European Investment Bank

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The EIB is the financing institution of the European Union (EU). Created by the Treaty of Rome, its shareholders are the Member States of the EU, and its Board of Governors is composed of the finance ministers of these states. The EIB enjoys its own legal personality and financial autonomy within the EU system.

The mission of the EIB is to contribute, by financing sound investment, to the policy objectives of the EU, as laid down in its statutes and in decisions of the European Council.

The EIB contributes towards the integration, balanced development, and economic and social cohesion of the Member States of the EU. To this end, it raises on the markets substantial volumes of funds that it directs on the most favourable terms towards financing capital projects according with the objectives of the EU. Outside the EU, the EIB implements the financial components of agreements concluded under European development aid and cooperation policies.

More background information about the EIB can be found on the website [Homepage | European Investment Bank](#).

1.2 EIB Advisory Services

The EIB offers a large range of advisory services that embrace all stages of the project cycle and beyond, to make investment projects happen inside and outside the European Union.

Advisory activities constitute the third pillar of the Lending, Blending, Advising strategy pursued by the EIB Group. Through this advisory function, the EIB Group supports the European Commission, Member States and public authorities, private enterprises and financial intermediaries in pursuit of the overarching goals – to accelerate the green and digital transition and promote social and economic cohesion.

More information can be found on the dedicated website: [Advisory services](#).

1.3 Mandate

JASPERS (Joint Assistance in Supporting Projects in European Regions) is a technical assistance partnership between the European Commission (EC) and the European Investment Bank (EIB) that is part of the EIB's Advisory Services.

EIB Advisory Services provided under the JASPERS initiative (hereinafter referred to as "JASPERS Advisory") aim at improving the preparation of projects to be co-financed by the Cohesion Fund (CF) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) in EU Member States. JASPERS Advisory services are available to the majority of EU and Candidate Countries and, since 2006, it also supports transport projects to be financed by the Connecting Europe Facility.

JASPERS Advisory is provided to managing authorities, intermediate bodies and final beneficiaries of European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) for the strategic planning, development and implementation of high-quality investment projects, across several infrastructure sectors. In line with the Regulation (EU) 2021/1060¹ (the so-called Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)). The managing authorities are ultimately responsible for approving the projects as decision makers over

¹ CPR : [EUR-Lex - 02021R1060-20230301 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

funding. They typically make use of JASPERS Advisory services to support and inform them on the quality of project preparation and take it into account in reaching their decision.

JASPERS Advisory is only provided to projects whose investments are eligible for EU co-financing in accordance with the eligibility rules laid down in the relevant EU Fund in line with Regulation (EU) No 2021/1058 and in a few exceptional cases still under Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013. At the same time, the projects also need to be aligned with the EIB's Low Carbon Framework².

JASPERS Advisory services also include capacity building and knowledge transfer support to managing authorities, other relevant bodies and project promoters through its Coordination and Capacity Building Centre.

More background information about JASPERS Advisory services can be found on the website <http://jaspers.eib.org>

1.4 Background on the Assignment

The Environmental Advisory Division ("ENVAD") is part of the EIB's Project Directorate. The Division delivers technical advisory services to projects and beneficiaries in the water/wastewater sector, flood and disaster risk management under the JASPERS mandate.

Under the JASPERS mandate, ENVAD specialists support Member States with the preparation of water/wastewater and flood/disaster risk management projects eligible for EU co-financing during the programming period 2021-2027 but also provides horizontal support to strategic planning and programming activities and on various topics of relevance to these types of projects.

The water/wastewater projects assisted by ENVAD under JASPERS relate to provision of drinking water in line with the EU Drinking Water Directive (Directive (EU) 2020/2184)³, collection and treatment of wastewater in line with the EU Urban Wastewater Treatment Directives (Directive 91/271/EEC⁴ and Directive (EU) 2024/3019)⁵ and the EU Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC)⁶. As of mid-December 2025, ENVAD is supporting more than 50 JASPERS assignments which are expected to continue in 2026 and beyond. These projects are planned for EU co-financing during the programming period 2021-2027 where the rule n+3 applies, namely the eligibility period ends on 31 December 2030.

JASPERS Advisory services to projects are generally delivered by a multidisciplinary team of experts, usually consisting of water engineers, an economist and an environmental expert who assist national Managing Authorities and Project Beneficiaries with the review of project related documentation, providing comments and recommendations for improvement in the form of Guidance Notes (GNs) and during meetings. At the end of each assignment, an Action Completion Note (ACN) is prepared that summarizes the main findings and conclusions reached regarding the project and makes final recommendations for consideration by the Member State.

The project documentation reviewed under JASPERS assignments typically includes various decisions of the competent authorities, studies and reports, featuring most importantly the project's technical Feasibility Study (FS), a cost-benefit analysis (CBA) as well as documentation on the assessment of environmental and climate related aspects of the project: EIA and Appropriate Assessment (AA) studies, climate proofing reports, decisions of the competent authorities.

Given a foreseeable shortage of resources within ENVAD and of the experts who can provide Advisory Service on environmental and climate change aspects to the above-mentioned assignments, the EIB is seeking the support of a consultant (hereafter, the "Service Provider") to

² As defined in the EIB Climate Bank Roadmap, Annex II, Table F for the solid waste sector

³ eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020L2184

⁴ [EUR-Lex - 01991L0271-20140101 - EN - EUR-Lex](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:31991L0271-20140101-EN-EUR-Lex)

⁵ [Directive \(EU\) 2024/3019 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2024 concerning urban wastewater treatment \(recast\) \(Text with EEA relevance\)](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32024L3019-20240101-EN-EUR-Lex)

⁶ [untitled](#)

assist the team in the assessment of the environmental and climate related documentation of projects.

II. OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

The main objective of this assignment (the “**Assignment**”) is for the consultant (hereafter, the “**Service Provider**”) to support ENVAD experts with the review and appraisal of documentation related to the environmental and climate-related aspects of water/wastewater projects being prepared by Croatia and Portugal for EU co-financing during the programming period 2021-2027 (with final eligibility date 31 December 2030).

The main objective of the Assignment shall be accomplished by carrying out the tasks further specified in Section IV below.

The main purpose of the assignment is to support ENVAD in fulfilling the JASPERS mandate of assisting Managing Authorities and Project Beneficiaries in EU Member States and in the candidate countries in the preparation of sound and bankable projects and bringing such projects as quickly as possible to maturity for approval of EU co-financing.

III. ASSUMPTIONS AND RISKS

3.1 Assumptions underlying the Assignment

The Assignment is based on the following assumptions:

- The Service Provider’s experts will work under the direction and supervision of an EIB environmental expert, who will ensure coordination with other in-house ENVAD team members and with relevant external JASPERS counterparts (most notably, national Managing Authorities and project Beneficiaries). All necessary communication with external counterparts will be dealt with by the EIB environmental expert so there will be no direct interaction between the Service Provider’s experts and such counterparts, unless expressly directed by the EIB environmental expert. In case of an exception to the rule, the Service Provider’s experts will be previously briefed by the EIB environmental expert on the exact role expected from them.
- The Service Provider will be given timely and complete access to all relevant project documents received by EIB⁷, and any other relevant information or documents available to EIB as well as to EIB staff or other consultants working for EIB relevant to carry out the tasks foreseen under the Assignment. Where documents are submitted in national languages, EIB will provide translations using automatic translation tools.
- The Service Provider is aware of the often-unpredictable nature of JASPERS related work and priorities. The Service Provider should be ready to work on short notice, possibly also on several project assignments at a time. A high degree of availability and flexibility from the Service Provider and the proposed experts to adapt to project needs will be crucial for the success of the Assignment.
- The Service Provider will act as independent advisor to ENVAD for JASPERS related work. Hence, the Service Provider (company and experts) should not be involved in providing project preparation services for the specific project (see indicative project list in Appendix 1 of these ATORs). Similarly, the Service Provider shall, at time of contract award, not have any outstanding bids pending evaluation for the preparation of water/wastewater projects in Croatia and Portugal. Such involvements would be seen as a conflict of interest. The

⁷ The Service Provider will be individually responsible for the control of the files shared by the Bank and will consider them as confidential files. At the end of the Assignment, the individual will be requested to confirm in writing that all copies of all files have been destroyed.

Service Provider is expected to have an independent expert view on the water/wastewater sector in the Croatia and Portugal.

3.2 Risks

The main risks that could affect the successful implementation of the assignment are as follows:

- Delays in the submission of documentation or incomplete documentation provided to the EIB team for review by its counterparts,
- Imperfect translation of project documentation from national languages to English,
- Divergent views and opinions on the work to be done or analysis and approach/criteria to be used between ENVAD and the Service Provider's experts,
- Uncertainties deriving from EU/national policy and legal frameworks and guidance documents that are outdated, under modification or have unclear interpretations,
- New legislation/policies at EU and national level,

As already mentioned in the assumptions for the assignment, a high degree of availability and flexibility from the Service provider and the proposed experts to adapt to ENVAD needs and priorities will be crucial for the success of the Assignment. In general, in order to minimize the mentioned risks during the assignment, a close working relationship and frequent communication shall be maintained between the Service provider's experts and ENVAD experts. Any problems arising during the Assignment should be addressed and resolved in an open, timely and amicable manner.

IV. SPECIFIC SERVICES, TASKS TO BE PERFORMED AND TECHNICAL DELIVERABLES TO BE PRODUCED

4.1 Tasks to be performed

The present Assignment includes the following specific tasks:

Task No.	Task description
Task 1	Receipt and acceptance of requests for reviewing and assessing project documentation
Task 2	Review and assessment of documentation related to environmental and climate proofing studies/reports/decisions/permits for water/wastewater projects
Task 3	Preparation and Submission of Assessment Reports
Task 4	Support in the preparation of JASPERS GNs and ACNs
Task 5	Capacity building support

A detailed description of the scope of work involved in carrying out these tasks is presented in below.

Task 1: Receipt and acceptance of requests for reviewing and assessing project documentation

ENVAD experts may request the Service Provider to mobilise its experts to work only in active JASPERS Advisory assignments. As mentioned before, most of the currently ongoing JASPERS Advisory assignments are related to the preparation of projects. A list of active JASPERS Advisory assignments relevant for this Assignment is presented further below in Appendix 1 to these ATORs.

The request to carry out the review and assessment of project documentation will be sent by ENVAD experts to the Service Provider's contact person by e-mail, including the following information:

- The name and JASPERS assignment code of the water/wastewater project to be assessed;

- A short description the tasks to be performed by the Service Provider;
- Indication of the type of expert(s) needed;
- An estimated time horizon for execution of the task and submission of deliverables;
- An estimation of maximum working days to be consumed by the Service provider;
- The name of the EIB environmental experts in charge of supervising the task.

In response to such a request, the Service Provider shall, within 2 working days, confirm by email the acceptance of the task and the availability of its experts.

Once the task is accepted, all relevant project documentation to be reviewed by the experts shall be transmitted to the Service Provider either via email or, if the documentation is too large, uploaded to a document sharing platform with special access rights (e.g. MS Teams or the dedicated EIB platform).

Task 2 Review and assessment of documentation related to environmental and climate proofing studies of waste projects and plans

The review of the environmental and climate proofing documentation by the Service Provider will cover the following aspects:

Field	Description
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)	Verification of the compliance with the SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) of the SEA documentation and SEA procedures, quality of the Environmental Report (ER) and the respective Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA)	<p>Verification of the compliance with the Revised EIA Directive (Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU), considering the EIA screening and the full EIA. This includes a review and verification of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Whether the description of the project presented in the EIA screening report/EIA report is equivalent with the project for which EU co-financing is sought with the national Application Form (AF) (if any) and the Feasibility Study; b) In the case of EIA screening resulting in a negative determination, consideration of Article 4, Annex II.A and the use of Annex III selection criteria of the Revised EIA Directive; c) In the case of a full EIA, the quality of the EIA Report prepared for the abovementioned projects and the respective NTS, and the adequacy, quality, the correctness and the completeness of the reports being prepared and their compliance with the requirements of Article 5, read in conjunction with Annex IV of the Revised EIA Directive; d) The adequacy of the identified prevention and mitigation measures and their effectiveness to tackle the identified environmental impacts; e) The compliance, completeness, adequacy and quality of the decisions of the competent authorities with the Directive (EIA screening decisions, EIA decisions, development consents) and the adequacy of the public participation process in line with Article 4(5), Articles 6 to 9 of the Directive;

Field	Description
<p>Appropriate Assessments (AA)</p>	<p>Verification of the compliance with Article 6(3) and (4) and Article 7 of Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna (the so-called Habitats Directive) and the available EC guidance and the quality of the AA screening and/or full AA carried out, if applicable. This includes a verification of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Whether the description of the project or plan presented in the AA screening report/AA report is equivalent with the project or plan for which EU co-financing is sought with the national AF (if any) and the Feasibility Study; b) The adequate identification of the Natura 2000 sites likely to be affected by the project or plan; c) The existence of Site-Specific Conservation Objectives (SSCOs) and Site-Specific Conservation Measures (SSCMs) for the Natura 2000 sites likely to be affected by the project or plan; d) Compliance of the SSCOs with Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds (the so-called Birds Directive), Directive 92/43/EEC and the available relevant EC guidance; e) Whether the AA screening/full AA is done in view of the defined and compliant SSCOs and the SSCMs; f) The adequacy of the identified prevention, and if relevant mitigation measures, and their effectiveness to prevent and/or tackle the identified potential impacts; g) The compliance, completeness, adequacy and quality of the AA screening/full AA reports and the authorisation of the competent authorities (AA screening decision/AA decision); h) If required at national level, the completeness and the quality of the Natura 2000 Declaration
<p>Assessment for compliance with the Water Framework Directive (WFD)</p>	<p>Verification for compliance with the WFD and in particular the applicability and the application of the exemptions under Article 4. Special attention should be paid to the applicability and compliance with Article 4(7) of the Directive.</p>
<p>Climate proofing</p>	<p>Verification of the completeness, quality and compliance of the climate proofing documentation with the CPR and the EC Technical guidance on the climate proofing of infrastructure in the period 2021-2027, including verification of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Whether all project components are covered by the climate proofing; b) Whether the carbon footprint methodology is consistent with the EIB Project Carbon Footprint Methodologies: Methodologies for the assessment of project greenhouse gas emissions and emission variations (considering the most updated document); c) Whether the project is consistent with the EU and national climate change mitigation and adaptation policies and legislation (including the EU Green Deal, the Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of 30 June 2021 establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulations (EC) No 401/2009 and (EU) 2018/1999

Field	Description
	('European Climate Law'), the CPR, Paris Agreement, etc.); d) Compliance with the Energy Efficiency First Principle and the consistency with the decarbonisation pathways; e) Whether the data sources are reliable and adequate; f) Whether the scenarios are adequate; g) Whether the entire life span of the project is taken into account; h) Whether all climate hazards are assessed; i) Whether the methodology complies with the requirements of the above EC Technical guidance; j) Whether the adaptation measures are adequate and effective to ensure the resilience of the project; k) Whether the identified climate change prevention and mitigation measures and the climate change adaptation measures are integrated in the project as proposed for EU co-financing as per the national AF (if any) and the Feasibility Study;
Prevention and mitigation measures	Verification that the identified and imposed prevention and mitigation measures are adequately integrated into the project proposed for EU co-financing and that the necessary costs are included in the cost of the project.
Assessment for compliance with the Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle	Verification of the correctness, completeness and adequacy of the evidence for compliance with the relevant DNSH criteria as per the respective ESIF Programme 2021-2027, if required
Project consistency with the EU Water Resilience Strategy	Where required at national level, verification of the consistency of the project with the EU Water Resilience Strategy ⁸ measures relevant to water/wastewater projects
Quality of the National Application Form (AF) for EU co-financing	When such an AF is required under the national rules of EU co-financing: verification of the: a) correctness, sufficiency and completeness of the information provided in the relevant parts of the national AF. b) coherence of the information presented in the AF with all other relevant documents

The above verification will be based and assess the following:

1. The reliability, sufficiency and consistency of the data used to prepare the above-mentioned assessments, including project/plan description, background information and baseline data on the quality of environment, as well as climate factors and projections;
2. Clear description of environmental impacts, imposed prevention/mitigation/compensation/adaptation measures, risk analysis, environmental monitoring plan and/or environmental management plan, emergency plans, etc.;
3. The evidence that the costs necessary for the implementation of the prescribed environmental prevention and mitigation measures and of the identified climate change mitigation and adaptation measures are included in the project costs as presented in the FS and in the CBA;

⁸ Link to the EU Water Resilience Strategy: [EUR-Lex - 52025DC0280 - EN - EUR-Lex](#)

4. Coherence of the project/plan proposed with the results of the above-mentioned assessments, as presented in the FS and in the national AF, if any;
5. Adequacy of the justifications provided regarding the contribution of the project to the achievement of compliance with EU environmental and climate policy and law;

The Service Provider is expected to provide expert opinions on the technical and procedural aspects of the environmental impact assessments and climate proofing of the water/wastewater projects in Croatia and Portugal listed in Appendix 1 to the ATORs. The Service Provider is also expected to support ENVAD in providing guidance to the project beneficiaries and relevant bodies in JASPERS beneficiary countries on the practical application of relevant EU policies and legislation and EC guidance documents so as to ensure compliance with EU requirements (see list of relevant legislation and guidelines in Appendix 5 of the ATORs). More details about the scope of the review of the environmental and climate aspects is presented in Appendix 2 of the ATORs.

Task 3 Preparation and submission of Assessment Reports

Based on the review and assessment of the project documentation referred to in Task 2, the Service provider shall:

1. Within **7 working days** of confirmation of the task by the two parties and the receipt of the project documentation for a new project⁹ (reduced to 5 working days in case of a second or subsequent review carried out for the same project):
 - prepare and submit a **Draft Assessment Report** containing expert opinions of the project documentation reviewed, highlighting outstanding issues requiring clarification, modification or correction;
 - The Assessment Report shall follow the indicative format Appendix 2 of the present ATORs;
2. Within **3 working days** of submitting the Draft Assessment Report to ENVAD:
 - reply to comments and requests for clarification made by the EIB environmental expert prior to and during the debriefing meeting;
 - upon request from the EIB environmental expert, present the contents of the Assessment Report and outstanding issues in a **virtual “debriefing meeting”**;
3. Within **2 working days** of a “debriefing meeting” with ENVAD experts:
 - At the explicit request of ENVAD experts prepare short **minutes of the “debriefing meeting”**, highlighting the main conclusions reached and any changes to be made to the Assessment Report;
 - Resubmit the **Final Assessment Report** including changes agreed by e-mail and/or in the debriefing meeting. In case the EIB environmental expert requires no changes to the Assessment Report during the debriefing meeting, this is automatically approved and does not require resubmission.

Task 4 Support in the Preparation of JASPERS Guidance Notes and Action Completion Notes

1. JASPERS Guidance Notes (GNs): Upon completing the assessment of project documentation and submission of the Assessment Report under Task 3, the EIB environmental expert may request the Service provider’s experts to transfer the key findings and the identified outstanding issues requiring clarification, modification or correction to the standard JASPERS GN format (to be provided after the start of the Assignment). The task should be completed within **3 working days** following a request for support from ENVAD. The EIB environmental expert may require changes to the GN inputs which should be implemented within 1 additional working day following the receipt of written or oral comments from the EIB environmental expert. When deemed necessary by the EIB environmental expert, the Service Provider may

⁹ A new project is a project that has not previously been reviewed and appraised by the Service provider.

be asked to provide the input of the verifications under Task 2 directly in a JASPERS GN without preparation of an Assessment Report.

2. JASPERS Action Completion Notes (ACN): At the end of a JASPERS Advisory assignment, the EIB environmental expert may also request the Service provider's experts to support in drafting the relevant sections of the JASPERS Action Completion Note (ACN), using information extracted from the final project documentation made available to the Service Provider. Subject to availability of the expert, such task should be normally completed within **3 working days** following a request for support from ENVAD. The EIB environmental expert may require changes to the ACN inputs which should be implemented within **3 additional working days** following the receipt of written or oral comments from the EIB environmental expert. When deemed necessary by the EIB environmental expert, the Service Provider may be asked to provide the input of the verifications under Task 2 directly in a JASPERS ACN without preparation of an Assessment Report.

The request to support the preparation of ASPERS Guidance and/or Action Completion Notes under this Task will be sent by ENVAD experts to the Service Provider's contact person by e-mail, including the following information:

- The name and JASPERS assignment code of the water/wastewater project;
- A short description the tasks to be performed by the Service Provider;
- Indication of the type of expert(s) needed;
- An estimated time horizon for execution of the task and submission of deliverables;
- An estimation of maximum working days to be consumed by the Service provider;
- The name of the EIB environmental experts in charge of supervising the task.

In response to such a request, the Service Provider shall, within 2 working days, confirm by email the acceptance of the task and the availability of its experts.

Once the task is accepted, all relevant project documentation to be used shall be transmitted to the Service Provider either via email or, if the documentation is too large, uploaded to a document sharing platform with special access rights (e.g. MS Teams or the dedicated EIB platform).

Task 5: Capacity building support

In addition to the tasks involving the assessment of project documentation, the Service Provider may be required to support ENVAD in the preparation of:

1. Drafting position papers and generic (i.e. non-project specific) guidance notes related to the areas described in Task 2 above.
2. Preparing presentations and training materials for capacity building measures for JASPERS Advisory beneficiaries in the areas under Task 2 above.

The Service Provider may be requested to support ENVAD in delivering training to JASPERS counterparts.

The request to provide support to JASPERS capacity building activities will be sent by ENVAD experts to the Service Provider's contact person by e-mail, including the following information:

- The name and JASPERS assignment code(s) of the water/wastewater project(s) where capacity building is deemed necessary;
- A short description the tasks to be performed by the Service Provider;
- Indication of the type of expert(s) needed;
- An estimated time horizon for execution of the task and submission of deliverables;
- An estimation of maximum working days to be consumed by the Service provider;
- The name of the EIB environmental experts in charge of supervising the task.

In response to such a request, the Service Provider shall, within 2 working days, confirm by email the acceptance of the task and the availability of its experts.

Once the task is accepted, all relevant project documentation necessary for the implementation of the task shall be transmitted to the Service Provider either via email or, if the documentation is too large, uploaded to a document sharing platform with special access rights (e.g. MS Teams or the dedicated EIB platform).

The approval of deliverables shall follow the same procedure as described for Task 3 above.

4.2 Technical Deliverables to be produced

The following deliverables are to be produced by the Service Provider as a result of the tasks described in section 4.1, specifying the contents, formats and deadlines for submission:

Related task	Name of the deliverable	Content	Format	Due date of submission
Task 3	Assessment Reports	Summary of findings of the review and assessment of project documentation (Task 2), including expert opinions and outstanding issues requiring clarification, modification or correction by the project Beneficiary, based on checklists included in Appendix 2 of these ATORs.	An indicative format for the Assessment reports are included in Appendix 2 of these ATORs	Draft report within 7 working days after confirmation of the task and receipt of project documentation. The submission deadline is reduced to 5 working days in case of a second or subsequent project documentation review. Final report within 5 working days after the debriefing meeting (=> Task 3) organized to discuss the draft report.
Task 4	Inputs to JASPERS Guidance Notes	List of outstanding issues identified in the Assessment Reports to be transferred to the JASPERS GN format, with clear indication of things to be clarified, modified or corrected by the project beneficiary in the project documentation	JASPERS GN format to be provided following contract signature and the start of the Assignment	Within 3 working days following a request from the EIB environmental expert Changes required to the GN inputs should be implemented within 1 additional working day following request from the EIB environmental expert
Task 4	Inputs to JASPERS Action Completion Notes	Concise summary of main findings of the assessment of the project's environmental and climate proofing studies/reports/decisions, etc., including	JASPERS ACN format to be provided following contract signature and	Within 3 working days following a request from the EIB environmental expert Changes required to the GN inputs should be implemented within 2

Related task	Name of the deliverable	Content	Format	Due date of submission
		conclusions and final recommendations for consideration by Managing Authorities and Project Beneficiaries	the start of the Assignment	additional working day following request from the EIB environmental expert
Task 5	Task 5 Deliverable	Content to be agreed between the parties on a case-by-case basis and established in task-specific request	Format to be agreed between the parties on a case-by-case basis and established in task specific ATOR	A time-plan for submission of deliverables will be agreed between the parties on a case-by-case basis depending on the complexity of the task and established in task-specific request
All tasks	Minutes of debriefing meeting with EIB Advisory experts	Summary of the project related discussions held with ENVAD experts and document the actions to be undertaken by each side and a clear time-plan	Email	Within 1 working day of the debriefing meeting organized to discuss an Assessment Report (see above)

The Service Provider shall ensure that deliverables under Tasks 3 and 4 follow the structure indicated by the EIB environmental expert. The Service Provider shall write all deliverables/reports in English language using clear, concise and unambiguous language and correct terminology, and ensure internal proof reading/quality control so as to reduce as much as possible re-editing and re-writing by the EIB environmental expert. Where this is not the case, the EIB reserves the right to return any deliverable for further improvement by the Service Provider.

All the deliverables will be submitted in common editable formats (e.g., Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, etc.) by e-mail to the attention of the Assignment Manager. The deliverables and supporting documents will be organised in a neat structure, making it easy for the Assignment Manager to follow, print and generate hard copies of the document(s). All Excel spreadsheets will include the underlying formulas.

In addition, the Service Provider will produce the administrative reports mentioned in Section 8.2 below.

V. START DATE AND PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION, LOCATION, LOGISTICS.

5.1 Start date & period of implementation

The Contract shall enter into force on the day of signature of the Contract by the last Party (the "Effective Date"). The intended start date is June 2026 (the "Start Date") and the services shall be provided for a period of 15 months from this date (the "Period of Implementation").

All tasks to be performed under the Contract will have to be completed within the Period of Implementation of the Assignment. All technical deliverables and administrative reports to be produced under the Contract will have to be submitted by the Service Provider and approved by the EIB within period of implementation of the Assignment.

The Services shall be provided from the "Start Date" until the earliest of:

- the written approval by the Bank of the Completion Report or of the final deliverable (if a Completion Report is not foreseen) as the latter is described in section 8.2. below or section 4.2 respectively, which shall not be unreasonably withheld by the Bank, or
- the expiry of 16 months from the Start Date (the “End Date”), save where the Service Contract is terminated in accordance with Appendix C of the Service Contract/Framework Agreement.

The performance of the Services shall not commence before the Start Date.

Note: The Implementation Period (and not the End Date) may be prolonged due to delays attributable to the materialisation of risks associated with the assignment or the third parties. Prolongation shall not cover contract management deficiencies attributable to the service provider. Any prolongation of the implementation period shall be decided and initiated by the EIB and will be communicated in writing to the Service Provider. In the event of a prolongation the EIB in discussion with the Service Provider will also amend the time schedule for the submission of the outstanding deliverables.

Should the necessity to perform additional services which were not included in these Assignment Terms of Reference and which would have become necessary to the completion of the Assignment arise, the EIB reserves the right to amend the contract and to extend the scope of the services and/or the duration of the contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Framework Agreement and of these Assignment terms of reference.

5.2 Location

The Services will be performed from the Service Provider’s own professional premises.

Given the work will be performed from a distance, key experts mobilised under the Assignment will need to be make themselves available for phone calls and audio/videoconferences, with prior request/invitation to do so in advance.

No travel for project site visits is foreseen as part of the assignment.

5.3 Logistics (Office accommodation and administrative support facilities to be provided to the Service Provider’s experts mobilised under the Assignment)

The Service Provider

The Service Provider must ensure that experts are adequately supported and equipped. In particular, it must ensure that there is sufficient administrative, secretarial, translation and interpreting provision to enable experts to concentrate on their primary responsibilities.

The EIB

The EIB will provide the Service Provider, upon request, with all information relevant to the TA which is available to it and not covered by any confidentiality agreements and will fully cooperate with the Service Provider in order to achieve the best results. Where documents are submitted in national languages, EIB will provide translations using automatic translation tools.

No office, secretarial, communication or transport facilities are due to be provided by the EIB.

VI. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

- **Responsible body and management structure**

The European Investment Bank, through the Operations Resource Management Division (ORM) within the Operations Directorate (OPS), will act as Contracting Authority.

At the EIB, ENVAD will be responsible for the management, the technical and administrative follow up of the contract. During the course of the Assignment, the Service Provider will report to the EIB

Assignment Responsible appointed by ENVAD. The contact details of the EIB Assignment Responsible will be communicated to the Service Provider following the award of the Contract.

The Service Provider will be expected to appoint a Team Leader responsible for the daily performance of the team of experts mobilised under the Assignment in its Technical Proposal (see section VI below),

The Framework Manager of the Service Provider's Framework Management Team shall nevertheless remain the sole interlocutor of the EIB for tendering, contractual and financial aspects of the Assignment and he/she will be required to react within two working days to any communication made by the EIB. In particular, should the necessity to amend any of the following elements of the Contract:

- Duration of the period of implementation;
- Scope of services (e.g. modification of specific tasks, replacement of specific tasks with others etc);
- Amount payable to the Service Provider or budget redistribution (ventilation);
- Terms of Payment (payments schedule);
- Composition of the team of experts (i.e. replacement of key experts or mobilisation of non-key-experts);

If a need arises, the Framework Manager of the Service Provider's Framework Management Team would be the interlocutor of the EIB's Assignment Responsible and ORM.

The Technical Director of the Service Provider's Framework Management Team will be expected to provide high-level guidance to the experts assigned to the Contract. He/she will sign off all outputs required under the Contract and will maintain the final responsibility for the quality control of the work carried out at the level of the Assignment, independent on whether he/she has carried out the quality checks himself/herself or this was done by any other staff of the consortium (if applicable).

VII. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

The Service Provider shall provide the adequate staff (in terms of expertise and time allocation) in order to complete efficiently all the activities required under the scope of the assignment and to finally achieve the specific and the overall objectives of his contract in terms of time, costs and quality.

All experts must be independent and free from conflicts of interest¹⁰ in the responsibilities they take on, as highlighted in the assumptions made for the success of the assignment.

7.1 Key experts

Key experts have a crucial role in implementing the contract. These ATORs contain the required key experts' profiles. The tenderer shall submit CVs and Statements of Exclusivity and Availability for the key experts mentioned below in their Technical Proposal.

The service provider is expected to provide a team of two (2) key experts to assist ENVAD experts during the implementation period of this contract.

One of the Key Experts shall be nominated Team Leader by the Service Provider in its Technical Proposal and he/she will act as primary focal point to the EIB.

¹⁰ For instance, an expert cannot exercise impartially and objectively the tasks assigned to him/her under the Assignment for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest.

Key Experts I and II: EIA and Climate Expert (Category II):

Qualifications	At least a bachelor's degree level, or an academic equivalent, in the field relevant to this Assignment, namely environmental engineer, ecologist or similar (minimum requirement)
General professional experience	At least 10 years' experience in the field of environmental assessments related to the planning and assessment of projects (minimum requirement)
Specific professional experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 5 years of working experience in carrying out environmental assessments and preparation of environmental impact assessment reports (EIA, AA, assessment for compliance with the WFD, calculation of carbon footprint and Climate Change Vulnerability and Risk Assessments (CCVRA)) for water/wastewater projects (minimum requirement). • Working experience in at least 5 projects and/or plans involving the implementation of the SEA, EIA and Habitats, Birds Directives and WFD, out of which at least 2 projects co-financed by EU Funds (minimum requirement). • Working experience in at least 1 project involving an assessment of a project for compliance with the Water Framework Directive and exemptions under Article 4(7) in line with the relevant EC guidance (minimum requirement). • Experience in at least 3 projects performing AA screening and full AA in view of compliant SSCOs and in line with the Habitats and Birds Directives and the available EC guidance listed in Appendix 5 of these ATORs (minimum requirement). • Working experience in implementing relevant legislation and guidance documents (e.g., EC and national Guidance on the interpretation of the EIA, Habitats, Water Framework Directives, etc.) in Croatia or Portugal for at least 3 projects would be considered as an asset;
Language and other Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluency in written and spoken English is required (CEFR C1) (minimum requirement) • Fluency in written and spoken Croatian and/or Portuguese (CEFR C1) will be considered as an asset.

7.2 Non-key experts

Given the specific nature of the services to be provided, no non-key experts shall be selected or proposed by the Service Provider to undertake the services under the Assignment.

7.3 Expert Inputs

The estimated input of the experts under this assignment is 100 person days, as shown below:

Category	Inputs (person days)
Team Leader – Category II (Key Expert 1 or 2 in the role of the team leader)	10
Key Expert 1 and 2 – Category II	90

The above figures shall in no case be considered binding. In their Technical Proposal, tenderers are expected to present an indicative mobilisation plan and a delivery plan demonstrating how they intend to mobilise their experts in the implementation of the different tasks to be undertaken the Assignment. This working plan will only service for the purpose of assessing the implementation strategy offered by the Service Providers in their Technical Proposal.

The exact number of days per input (request from the Assignment Manager and the Task Manager to the Service Provider) on a set of documentation regarding project/plan is to be agreed between the parties in advance in writing (there are situations where for the same project there will be a need to evaluate several versions of documentation). It is estimated that the time spent on each individual request shall not exceed 10 expert days. Several iterations or individual requests on a specific task can be foreseen, in this case time spent would then exceed 10 expert days.

7.4 Other aspects

In case of doubt on the professional profile received, the EIB may require evidence of the above skills.

If during the implementation of a Contract, the EIB judges the expert(s) unable to meet the level of quality required for preparing the written outputs such as reports, the Service Provider will provide, at no additional cost to the EIB, immediate additional support for these outputs to meet the appropriate standards. Should the EIB require the replacement of an expert for important reasons (i.e. for consistently failing to meet the requirements of these ATORs), the Service Provider will take the necessary steps to propose a replacement solution to the EIB at the shortest term possible.

VIII. TECHNICAL DELIVERABLES & ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Technical Deliverables

See section 4.2 above.

8.2 Administrative Reports

In addition to the technical deliverables referred to above, the Service Provider shall provide the following administrative reports:

Name of report	Content	Due date of submission
Quarterly Progress Reports	Overview of the tasks performed during the preceding 3-month period and related time sheet(s), on the basis of the template proposed in Appendix 3 of these ATOR	Every three months, 10 days after the end of each reporting period. When no work is performed during a quarter, an e-mail to the Assignment Manager specifying that no work has

	See more detailed content description below.	been performed is considered sufficient.
Assignment Completion Report	Summary of the activity performed by the Service Provider throughout the whole assignment on the basis of the template proposed in Appendix 4 of these ATOR See more detailed content description below	No later than 1 month before the end of the implementation period

Quarterly Progress Reports will contain the following elements:

1. A narrative section made of:

A summary of the task performed in the frame of the Assignment in the reported period, including progress and key achievements.

- Information on delays, bottlenecks and potential risks (if any) that may influence the outcome of the performance of the planned activities and the submission of technical deliverables, including interventions and specific actions to be taken during the next reporting period to ensure timely delivery of the project, if necessary.
- defining the milestones to be achieved in the next reporting period.
- The narrative section will include as annexes a copy of all technical deliverables/reports/documents/material produced during the reporting period.

2. A financial section made of:

For the period covered by the Report: a financial report including all information related to services to be provided on a time and material basis, covering fees payable for the experts mobilised and itemised expenses eligible for reimbursement, as well as pre-financing amounts to be cleared with the invoice for the relevant period.

- Editable excel sheet with summary of timesheets by day/expert/price.
- A summary of the financial situation covering the entirety of the assignment since its start (fees payable for the experts mobilised and itemised expenses eligible for reimbursement).
- Annex A - For the period covered by the Report: annexes for all approved expenses and for all business trip undertaken by the Service Provider's expert, copies of all original invoices and airplane boarding passes (where applicable) as well as a copy of the ex-ante approval by the EIB of the authorisation for expenditure.
- Annex B - For the period covered by the Report: signed and completed timesheets for the experts. Timesheets will be established for each expert having been mobilised. Timesheets will report, for each month, the days worked and the activities having been performed. The timesheets shall clearly identify each task which was undertaken. The smallest unit adopted for timesheets shall be ½ day. The timesheet shall be co-signed by the Service Provider's expert, and by the Service Provider's Team Leader.

Assignment Completion Report will contain the following:

- A summary of the services performed during the Assignment with reference to the tasks/deliverables set out in the Assignment Terms of Reference,
- A synthesis of all analysed projects presenting the main issues solved and the remaining aspects to be tackled
- Lessons learned as regards the activities performed and recommendations for the MA and beneficiaries

- If any, a statement summarising the various difficulties encountered and an evaluation of the impact of the above-mentioned difficulties in terms of the project itself, total cost for the Assignment and deadlines

The Completion Report shall also include as annex:

- A copy of all deliverables/reports/documents/material produced during the Assignment.

8.3 Submission & approval of technical deliverables and administrative reports

The draft technical deliverables and administrative reports required in the ATOR will be written in English language and made available in electronic format. They will have to be provided in Microsoft Word compatible format, in a single file or with a series of files following a structure that makes it easy to print and generate hard copies, with all support files also attached). All produced spreadsheets have to be provided in Microsoft Excel compatible format, including all underlying formulas. Such formulas shall be unprotected and available to the EIB.

The EIB will have 10 working days to examine each administrative report. Should the EIB request amendments, the Service Provider will be requested to re-submit the report within 5 working days following the request, completed and adequately amended.

No payment will be made until the Bank has accepted the administrative reports.

8.4 Visibility requirements

The Service Provider shall endeavour to publicise any work undertaken and to highlight the participation of the JASPERS and of the European Union (EU) in the programme.

The technical assistance (TA) operation is financed under the JASPERS Mandate. To ensure the visibility of JASPERS, the JASPERS logo, the EC logo as well as the EIB Advisory logo should appear on the cover page of reports produced under the TA contract.

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IX. TYPE OF CONTRACT, BUDGET, REMUNERATION AND INVOICING

9.1. Type of Contract

The services are to be provided on a time and material basis exclusive of expenses and of VAT.

9.2. Budget

The maximum budget for the present assignment is EUR 114,500.00.

9.3. Remuneration

The Service Provider shall be paid on the basis of a fixed daily rate exclusive of expenses and of VAT related to the performance of the services of each Key Expert (Category II) from his/her own professional premises and the maximum number of working days for the two (2) Key Experts.

The daily rate shall not exceed the contractual maxima set in the Offer for the FWA for experts of category II and the price shall not exceed the maximum budget available for the Assignment.

9.4. Invoicing

Quarterly Interim Payments	Within 10 working days after the approval of each Quarterly Interim Report, the Service Provider shall submit an invoice requesting the payment of the sums corresponding to the services provided during the reporting period.
Final Payment	Within 10 working days after the approval of the Final Quarterly Progress Report and the approval of the Assignment Completion Report, the Service Provider shall submit the final invoice requesting the payment of the balance of the sums corresponding to the services provided during the last reporting period.

APPENDIX 1 (List of projects)

Exhaustive list of water/wastewater projects and horizontal assignments to be supported by the Assignment

The following table contains an exhaustive list of JASPERS Advisory assignments for which the services under this Assignment are required. The list contains both ongoing JASPERS Advisory assignments and such that are currently under development.

Task 1.3 under section 4.1 of these ATOR) which will be covered under a separate TA assignment.

*The "title" refers to the title of the JASPERS advisory assignment and not the title of the project supported.

No.	ASSIGNMENT NUMBER	TITLE	COUNTRY
1.	AA-003574	Zagreb Water Supply and Wastewater	Croatia
2.	AA-004563	Extension of Slavonski Brod Water Supply and Wastewater	Croatia
3.	AA-005554	Protection of Water and Soil from Saline Intrusion in the Lower Neretva Area	Croatia
4.	AA-00564	Umag-Novi Grad Water Supply and Wastewater	Croatia
5.	AA-005670	Preparation and Advancement of Project Pipeline to ensure Croatian Water Sector Compliance for Agglomerations with a year 2020 Deadline: 7 agglomerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bibinje Sukosan • Krapina; • Labin; • Makarska; • Pirovac – Tisno – Jezera • Vela Luka • Vir 	Croatia
6.	AA-005671	Preparation and Advancement of Project Pipeline to ensure Croatian Water Sector Compliance for Agglomerations with a year 2018 Deadline: 5 agglomerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slavonski Brod 2 • Vodice 2 • Opatija • Pula Centre • Biograd 	Croatia
7.	AA-013247	Reinforcement of Water Supply to the Algarve – Solution for Water Intake in Pomarao	Portugal
8.	AA-013241	Desalination in the Algarve Region	Portugal

APPENDIX 2 (Assessment Report)



Part A: Indicative contents of the Review Environmental Reports. Projects

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Project Name:

Date of Assessment:

EIA Documentation under review:

I. Background

Provide a short project description (in terms of location, capacity and character). Status of project (feasibility/technical design stages or under construction).

II. Application of the SEA Directive

1. State whether the project stems from any plans or programmes (other than the OP) and whether they fell within the scope of the SEA Directive.
2. If yes state whether an NTS and the information according to article 9.1.b of the Directive is provided (depending on the way 9(1)(b) is implemented per member state). State whether the project is consistent with the afore-mentioned plan or programme.
3. If the project is stemming from a plan or programme but an SEA was not done, explain whether that was justified.

III. Application of the EIA Directive

III.1. Consistency of the description of the project

Review and comment on the consistency of the description of the project provided in the EIA documentation and the decision of the EIA competent authority with the description provided in the

Feasibility Study (FS) and the AF. In case any inconsistencies are identified these should be clearly stated.

III.2. Project Classification under the EIA Directive

1. State whether the project belongs to a category listed in Annex I or Annex II of the Revised EIA Directive and which one.
2. Comment if there are differences between the classification under EIA Directive and the one under country legislation and whether that had an impact to procedure/assessment undertaken.

III.3. Environmental Impact Assessment

1. Confirm that the entire project is covered with the EIA screening/full EIA procedure(s).
2. Confirm that the project description presented in the EIA screening report/EIA report is equivalent with the project for which EU co-financing is sought (with the national AF (if any) and the Feasibility Study).
3. When an EIA screening was done:
 - a) Provide information on the procedural aspects (all stages) and the date of the EIA screening Decision;
 - b) Review and assess if all selection criteria under Annex III of the Revised EIA Directive have been taken into account in the EIA screening report and in the EIA screening decision(s);
 - c) Review and assess if the requirements of Article 4(4), Article 4(5) and Annex III of the Revised EIA Directive are met with the EIA screening decision;
 - d) Provide information about how the EIA screening decision is made available to the public in line with Article 4(5) of the Revised EIA Directive;
4. When a full EIA was done:
 - a) Indicate if, in line with the national legislation, the EIA was carried out for all alternatives or only for the selected alternative. Confirm that the selected alternative is the same as per Feasibility Study;
 - b) Provide information about the EIA scoping process;
 - c) Provide information on the procedural aspects (all stages) and the date of the EIA decision(s);
 - d) Review and assess if all elements under Article 5 and Annex IV of the Revised EIA Directive have been taken into account in the EIA report and in the EIA decision. While looking into the overall compliance with Article 5 and Annex IV of the Revised EIA Directive, the Service Provide should pay particular attention to the following areas where weaknesses are observed in different countries (which most probably are also applicable for the countries to which this ATOR applies):
 - presentation of the baseline situation and evolution of the baseline situation without the project;
 - adequacy and completeness of the proposed EIA methodology;
 - adequate identification of all other implemented/permited/planned projects that may generate cumulative impacts, adequate assessment of the cumulative impacts together with other impacts to define the impact significance;
 - integration and consideration of the results of the climate proofing for the project, i.e. of the climate change mitigation and resilience aspects in the EIA report;
 - assessment of impacts on biodiversity and integration of the results of the AA in the EIA report;
 - integration of the results of the assessment of the compliance with the WFD, if relevant.
 - e) Provide information if Article 7 of the Revised EIA Directive is applicable to the project and, if yes, provide information about the transboundary consultations;

- f) Review and assess if the EIA Decision provides all the necessary justifications to all the project to go ahead.
 - g) Review and assess if the requirements of Article 8 and Article 8(a) of the Revised EIA Directive are met with the EIA decision(s);
 - h) Provide information about how the EIA decision(s) is made available to the public in line with Article 9 of the Revised EIA Directive;
 - i) Indicate if the NTS of the EIA Report prepared under Article 5(3) of the Revised EIA Directive and used in the public consultations satisfies Annex IV of the Directive (including the climate change considerations). If not indicate whether the entire EIA documentation was made available to the public and its implications on the public participation;
5. Briefly summarise for each environmental factor (not related to impacts on Natura 2000 sites):
- a) Environmental impacts:
 - During construction: positive/negative
 - During operation: positive/negative
 - b) Imposed prevention/mitigation/offset measures (if applicable and not related to Natura 2000 sites):
 - Prevention and mitigation measures during the construction phase;
 - Prevention and mitigation measures during the operation phase;
 - Required monitoring, including monitoring plan for the different environmental factors;
 - Environmental management plan, if applicable;
 - Other plans, e.g. emergency response plans or waste management plans during the construction and operation phases;
 - Review of their adequacy and efficiency to tackle the identified significant impacts;
 - c) Residual impacts (not related to Natura 2000 sites), if any, and why these are considered acceptable.
6. State whether the public was consulted with and briefly explain how and if the public consultation lasted at least 30 days. Explain if during the public consultation, the project received complaints and, if so, how they were dealt with by the beneficiary/promotor. An additional statement whether the information under Article 6 of the Revised EIA Directive was made electronically accessible to the public.
7. State if transboundary consultation is relevant (given the location and potential impacts of the project). Indicate if this is stated in the EIA report/NTS and/or in the EIA decision(s). If yes, state whether such a consultation took place (how and when).
8. State if the identified prevention and mitigation measures are integrated into the project as proposed for EU co-financing and if this is evident from the national AF and the Feasibility Study (FS).
9. State whether the cost of measures has been included in the CBA and the percentage of the total cost they represent.
10. Recommendations with practical guidance on how to improve the deficiencies identified.
11. State if there are any legal appeals or complaints about the project (based on the available information). If yes, summarise the reason for the complaint and any follow-ups.

IV. Assessment of effects on Natura 2000 sites

1. Explain if Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive applies to the project.
2. If yes, provide the information described in sections IV.1-IV.4 below.
3. If not, explain why not and how it was justified (against the requirements of the Birds and Habitats Directive and the available EC guidance).

IV.1. General information

General information to be presented in a tabular format as presented below. To provide a suitable map with the project location/s and the Natura 2000 sites relevant to the project.

Natura 2000 sites Name and code	Designation as SCI/SPA (date)	Designation as SAC (date), if applicable	Approval of the Natura 2000 Site Management Plan (date)	Approval of SSCOs and SSCMs (national note/decision/date)	Project Location in relation to the Natura 2000 site
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					~ at a distance of ... km

Review and comment on the consistency of the description of the project provided in the AA and the decision of the AA competent authority with the description provided in the FS and the AF. In case inconsistencies are identified these should be clearly stated.

IV.2. Quality of the defined SSCOs

1. The consistency of the defined SSCOs with the respective Natura 2000 site Standard Data Form (SDF) available on Natura 2000 Viewer: [Natura 2000 Expert viewer](#) should be assessed.

Natura 2000 sites Name and code	National note/decision/date for the definition of the SSCOs	Coherence with the respective SDF (Yes/No, list of inconsistencies, if any)

2. Confirmation that the SSCOs and SSCMs are set for each Natura 2000 site relevant the project and cover all the species and habitats subject to designation;
3. Confirmation that the SSCOs and SSCMs are compliant with the Directive 2009/147/EC, Directive 92/43/EEC and the available EC guidance;

IV.3. AA screening

The quality of the AA screening, confirming that:

1. The project description presented in the AA screening report is equivalent with the project for which EU co-financing is sought (as per the national AF (if any) and the Feasibility Study).
2. Adequate identification of all Natura 2000 sites likely to be affected by the project;
3. Completeness, adequacy and quality of the AA screening report:
 - a) The adequacy of the AA screening methodology;
 - b) The AA screening was done for all Natura 2000 sites likely to be affected;
 - c) The AA screening is carried out in view of the applicable SSCOs as the time.
 - d) The AA screening was done in view of each individual parameter for each SSCO for each protected habitat/species;

- e) A complete list of all other implemented/permited/planned projects is included in the AA screening report;
- f) The AA screening is assessing the significance for all types of impacts, including the cumulative impacts;
- g) The conclusion for lack of significant impacts is taken without the consideration of prevention and mitigation measures;
4. Quality and adequacy of the justification in the AA screening decision(s) issued by the AA competent authority.
5. Recommendations with practical guidance on how to improve the deficiencies identified.
6. Quality of the Natura 2000 Declaration, if required at national level.

IV.4. Full AA

The quality of the AA, confirming that:

1. The project description presented in the AA report is equivalent with the project for which EU co-financing is sought (as per the national AF and the Feasibility Study).
2. Adequate identification of all Natura 2000 sites likely to be affected by the project;
3. Completeness, adequacy and quality of the AA report:
 - a) The adequacy of the methodology of the AA;
 - b) The AA was done for all Natura 2000 sites likely to be affected;
 - c) The AA is carried out in view of the applicable SSCOs as the time.
 - d) The AA was done in view of each individual parameter for each SSCO for each protected habitat/species;
 - e) A complete list of all other implemented/permited/planned projects is included in the AA report;
 - f) The AA is assessing the significance for all types of impacts, including the cumulative impacts;
 - g) Proposed prevention and mitigation measures are adequate and efficient to tackle the identified impact (including cumulative impact) and are consistent with the SSCMs; therefore, compensation measures are not necessary or considered.
 - h) The project is consistent with the SSCMs adopted for the respective Natura 2000 sites;
4. Quality and adequacy of the justification in the AA decision(s) issued by the AA competent authority.
5. Briefly summarise for each Natura 2000 site:
 - a) Impacts;
 - During construction: positive/negative
 - During operation: positive/negative
 - b) Imposed prevention/mitigation measures (if applicable): review of their adequacy and efficiency to tackle the identified significant impacts:
 - Prevention and mitigation measures during the construction phase
 - Prevention and mitigation measures during the operation phase
 - Required monitoring, including monitoring plan for the different habitats and species;
 - Environmental management plan, if applicable;
 - Other plans, e.g. emergency response plans or waste management plans during the construction and operation phases
 - c) Review of their adequacy and efficiency to tackle the identified significant impacts;
 - d) Residual impacts, if any, and why acceptable.
6. State if the identified prevention and mitigation measures are integrated into the project as proposed for EU co-financing and if this is evident from the national AF (if any) and the FS.
7. State whether the cost of measures has been included in the CBA and the percentage of the total cost they represent.
8. Recommendations with practical guidance on how to improve the deficiencies identified.

The assessment under Section IV above should be carried out in view of the following EC and JASPERS guidance:

- [Commission notice Assessment of plans and projects in relation to Natura 2000 sites – Methodological guidance on the provisions of Article 6\(3\) and \(4\) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC 2021/C 437/01 - Publications Office of the EU](#)
- [Commission Notice – Guidance on Natura 2000 and fishing – Application of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and Article 4 of the Birds Directive to marine fishing activities - Publications Office of the EU](#)
- [JASPERS approach to Appropriate Assessment for water, wastewater, floods, and disaster risk management projects](#)

V. Compliance with the requirements of Article 4(7) of the WFD, if relevant

1. Explain if Article 4.7 of the WFD applies.
2. If yes, provide the information described in sections V.1. and V.2 below.
3. If not, explain why not and how it was justified (all water bodies should be considered).

V.1. Applicability assessment under the WFD

The quality of the Applicability assessment under the WFD, confirming the:

1. Correctness of the identification of the water bodies likely to be affected by the project;
2. The completeness of the list of all other implemented/permitted planned projects that are likely to generate cumulative impacts;
3. The adequacy, the quality and completeness of the assessment of the temporary and long-term effects (including the cumulative impacts) the project could generate on the relevant water bodies.
4. The adequacy of the identified mitigation measures and their effectiveness to tackle the identified effects to ensure that the project is not likely to lead to deterioration or prevent a water body to achieve good ecological status;
5. The adequacy, the quality, adequacy and completeness of the authorisation(s) of the competent WFD authorities;
6. Briefly summarise for each water body:
 - a) Effects;
 - During construction: positive/negative
 - During operation: positive/negative
 - b) Imposed prevention/mitigation/offset measures (if applicable): review of their adequacy and efficiency to tackle the identified significant effects:
 - Prevention and mitigation measures during the construction phase
 - Prevention and mitigation measures during the operation phase
 - Required monitoring, including monitoring plan for the different habitats and species;
 - Environmental management plan, if applicable;
 - Other plans, e.g. emergency response plans or waste management plans during the construction and operation phases
 - c) Residual effects, if any, and why acceptable.
7. State if the identified prevention and mitigation measures are integrated into the project as proposed for EU co-financing and if this is evident from the national AF (if any) and the Feasibility Study.
8. State whether the cost of measures has been included in the CBA and the percentage of the total cost they represent.
9. Quality of the Water Framework Declaration, if required at national level;
10. Recommendations with practical guidance on how to improve the deficiencies identified.

V.2. Assessment under Article 4(7) of the WFD, if relevant

The quality of the assessment under Article 4(7) of the WFD, confirming the:

1. Correctness of the identification of the water bodies likely to be affected by the project;
2. The completeness of the list of all other implemented/permited planned projects that are likely to generate cumulative impacts;
3. The adequacy, the quality and completeness of the assessment of the temporary and long-term effects (including the cumulative impacts) the project could generate on the relevant water bodies.
4. Confirmation that in addition to Article 4(7), also Article 4(8) and Article 4(9) of the WFD are also complied with for all relevant water bodies.
5. Completeness, adequacy and quality of the justification to exempt the project under Article 4(7) of the WFD presented in the report;
6. The adequacy, the quality, adequacy and completeness of the authorisation of the competent WFD authorities in line with Article 4(7) of the WFD presented in the report;
7. Summary of the justification under each of the 4 criteria listed in Article 4(7) of the WFD;
8. Briefly summarise for each water body:
 - a) Environmental effects:
 - During construction: positive/negative
 - During operation: positive/negative
 - b) Proposed prevention/mitigation/offset measures (if applicable): review of their adequacy and efficiency to tackle the identified significant effects for each water body;
 - Prevention and mitigation measures during the construction phase
 - Prevention and mitigation measures during the operation phase
 - Required monitoring, including monitoring plan for the different habitats and species;
 - Environmental management plan, if applicable;
 - Other plans, e.g. emergency response plans or waste management plans during the construction and operation phases
 - c) Residual effects, if any, and why acceptable.
9. State if the identified prevention and mitigation measures are integrated into the project as proposed for EU co-financing and if this is evident from the national AF (if any) and the Feasibility Study.
10. State whether the cost of measures has been included in the CBA and the percentage of the total cost they represent.
11. Recommendations with practical guidance on how to improve the deficiencies identified.

The assessment under Section IV above should be carried out in view of the following EC and JASPERS guidance:

- Guidance Document No. 36 Exemptions to the Environmental Objectives according to Article 4(7): New modifications to the physical characteristics of surface water bodies, alterations to the level of groundwater, or new sustainable human development activities: [cis_guidance_article_4_7_final.pdf](#)
- [Water Framework Directive Updated JASPERS Checklist tool](#)

V.3. Consistency of the project with the relevant River Basin Management Plan

Confirmation that the project is consistent with the relevant River Basin Management Plan.

VI. Compliance with the EU Water Resilience Strategy and other Directives

Confirmation that the project is consistent and contributes to the implementation of the following Directives:

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- EU Drinking Water Directive (Directive (EU) 2020/2184)
- EU Urban Wastewater Treatment Directives (Directive 91/271/EEC and Directive (EU) 2024/3019) and
- EU Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC).

If required at national level, confirmation that the project is consistent with the EU Water Resilience Strategy.



Part B: Indicative contents of the Review climate proofing documentation for the project

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Project Name:

Date of Assessment:

Documentation under review:

I. Climate Policy

This section should describe if and how the project contributes to achieving high level climate change policy objectives. The following topics should be addressed:

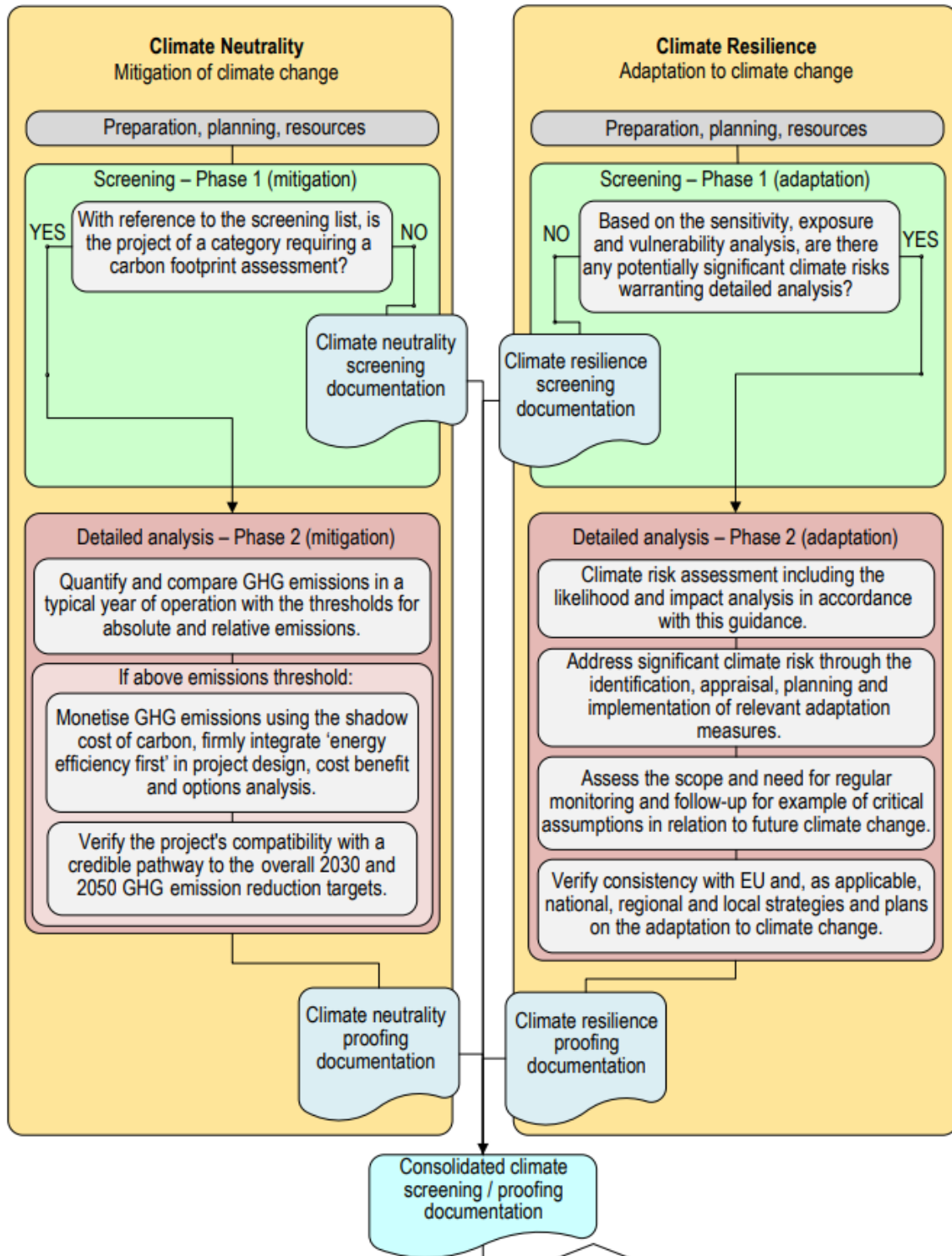
1. Information regarding the climate change targets of the EU Green Deal and the EU Climate Law, the Paris Agreement and/or any other relevant EU and national climate change policies and objectives, and the project contribution towards them.
2. Information regarding the national/regional climate change adaptation strategy, and the project contribution towards it where relevant.
3. Compliance with the Energy Efficiency First principle and with the decarbonisation pathway.

II. Climate proofing

This Section should confirm that the climate proofing for the project meets the requirements of the CPR and the EC Technical guidance on the climate proofing of infrastructure in the period 2021-2027: [Commission Notice — Technical guidance on the climate proofing of infrastructure in the period 2021-2027 - Publications Office of the EU](#).

In line with Article 2(42) of the CPR: *“climate proofing’ means a process to prevent infrastructure from being vulnerable to potential long-term climate impacts whilst ensuring that the ‘energy efficiency first’ principle is respected and that the level of greenhouse gas emissions arising from the project is consistent with the climate neutrality objective in 2050.”*

In line with the EC Technical guidance on the climate proofing of infrastructure in the period 2021-2027 a climate proofing documentation should be done in the following steps:



Source: EC Technical guidance on the climate proofing of infrastructure in the period 2021-2027

2.1. Climate change mitigation

2.1.1. Screening phase

The following should be checked:

1. Whether all project components likely to generate carbon emissions have been taken into account for the needs of the screening;
2. Adequacy of the screening conclusion;
3. Recommendations with practical guidance on how to improve the deficiencies identified.

2.1.2. Detailed assessment phase

The following should be checked:

1. Quality of the calculation of project carbon footprint in line with the EIB Project Carbon Footprint Methodologies: Methodologies for the assessment of project greenhouse gas emissions and emission variations: [EIB Project Carbon Footprint Methodologies](#);
2. Recommendations with practical guidance on how to improve the deficiencies identified.

2.2. Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience

2.2.1. Screening phase (vulnerability assessment)

The following should be checked:

1. Whether all project components have been taken into account for the needs of the screening;
2. Whether the entire lifespan of the project is taken into account;
3. Whether all the necessary baseline information is presented and if it based on adequate and reliable information sources;
4. Whether adequate sensitivity and exposure thresholds are provided;
5. Whether all relevant climate hazards are considered for the needs of the sensitivity and exposure assessments;
6. Whether the data sources used for the needs of the assessment are adequate and reliable;
7. Whether the appropriate climate scenarios are taken into account in view of the lifespan of the project;
8. Adequacy of the screening conclusion;
9. Recommendations with practical guidance on how to improve the deficiencies identified.

2.2.2. Detailed assessment phase (risk assessment)

The following should be checked:

1. Whether all climate hazards with medium and high vulnerability identified at the screening stage are included in the detailed risk assessment;
2. Whether the Risk Areas have been properly considered of justification is provided;
3. Whether adequate probability (likelihood) and severity (consequence) thresholds are provided;
4. Whether the data sources used for the needs of the assessment are adequate and reliable;
5. Whether the appropriate climate scenarios are taken into account in view of the entire lifespan of the project;
6. Adequacy of the identified adaptation measures to ensure the resilience of the project against the identified climate risks;
7. Whether the climate proofing for the climate adaptation pillar provides adequate information about the bodies responsible for the implementation of the adaptation measures and their costs;

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8. Integration of adaptation measures into the project, which reduces the risk to an acceptable level.

III. Completeness of the climate proofing documentation (see Annex IV)

Check the completeness of the project report on climate change mitigation and adaptation in line with the:

1. EIB Carbon Footprint Methodologies
2. EC Technical guidance on the climate proofing of infrastructure in the period 2021-2027
3. JASPERS guidance



Part C: Indicative contents of the Review of compliance with the DNSH principle

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Plan Name:

Date of Assessment:

The verification for the compliance with the DNSH principle should be performed for all 6 environmental objectives:

- climate change mitigation
- climate change adaptation
- sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources
- transition to a circular economy
- pollution prevention and control
- protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems

The criteria for the assessment are those defined at national level for the specific Programme under which the project is seeking EU co-financing.

Environmental objective	Criteria defined nationally for the Programme	Compliance with the DNSH principle and recommendations, if necessary
Climate change mitigation		
Climate change adaptation		
Sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources		
Transition to a circular economy		

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Pollution prevention and control		
Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems		

APPENDIX 3 (Quarterly report and timesheet)



TEMPLATE: QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

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Date	
Period covered (quarterly)	
Services performed, detailed by Task & sub-task(s) during the reported period, including progress and key achievements	
Deliverables produced	
Information on difficulties, bottlenecks and potential risks (if any) that may influence the delivery of assessments	
Steps taken to remedy situation and recover the time loss	
For the period covered by the Report: A financial report including all information related to services to be provided on a time and material basis, covering fees payable for the experts mobilised and itemised expenses eligible for reimbursement, as well as pre-financing amounts to be cleared with the invoice for the relevant period.	
A summary of the financial situation covering the entirety of the assignment since its start (fees payable for the experts mobilised and itemised expenses eligible for reimbursement).	
Other issues	
Consolidated information on the number of working days already performed since the beginning of the Assignment	
Annex A - For the period covered by the Report: annexes for all approved expenses and for all business trips undertaken by the Service Provider's expert, copies of all original invoices and airplane boarding passes (where applicable) as well as a copy of the ex-ante approval by the EIB of the authorisation for expenditure.	
Annex B - For the period covered by the Report: signed and completed timesheets for the experts. Timesheets will be established for each expert having been mobilised. Timesheets will report, for each month, the days worked and the activities having been performed. The timesheets shall clearly identify each task which was undertaken. The smallest unit adopted for timesheets shall be ½ day. The timesheet shall be co-signed by the Service Provider's expert, and by the Service Provider's Team Leader	
Annex C- Editable excel sheet with summary of timesheets by day/expert/price.	
Annex D- A copy of all technical deliverables/reports/documents/material produced during the reporting period	

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APPENDIX 4 (Completion report)



Template: Completion Report

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Service Provider	
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Date	
A summary of the services performed during the Assignment with reference to the tasks/deliverables set out in the Assignment Terms of Reference	
A synthesis of all analysed projects presenting the main issues solved and the remaining aspects to be tackled	
Lessons learned as regards the activities performed and recommendations for the MA and beneficiaries	
If any, a statement summarising the various difficulties encountered and an evaluation of the impact of the above-mentioned difficulties in terms of the project itself, total cost for the Assignment and deadlines	
For the period covered by the Report: A financial report including all information related to services to be provided on a time and material basis, covering fees payable for the experts mobilised and itemised expenses eligible for reimbursement, as well as pre-financing amounts to be cleared with the invoice for the relevant period.	
A summary of the financial situation covering the entirety of the assignment since its start (fees payable for the experts mobilised and itemised expenses eligible for reimbursement).	
Other issues	
Annex a copy of all deliverables/reports/documents/material produced during the Assignment	

APPENDIX 5: Relevant Policies, Legislation and Guidance

Part A: List of applicable legislation and strategies (non-exhaustive)

Title	Internet link
Consolidated text: Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy	EUR-Lex - 02021R1060-20230301 - EN - EUR-Lex
EU Water Resilience Strategy	EUR-Lex - 52025DC0280 - EN - EUR-Lex
Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment	Directive - 2001/42 - EN - EUR-Lex
Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (codification), as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014	EUR-Lex - 02011L0092-20140515 - EN - EUR-Lex
Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora, as amended	EUR-Lex - 01992L0043-20130701 - EN - EUR-Lex
Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (codified version), as amended	EUR-Lex - 02009L0147-20130701 - EN - EUR-Lex
Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy	EUR-Lex - 02000L0060-20141120 - EN - EUR-Lex
Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast)	Directive - 2020/2184 - EN - EUR-Lex
Directive 91/271/EEC of 21 May 1991 concerning urban waste water treatment	EUR-Lex - 01991L0271-20140101 - EN - EUR-Lex
Directive (EU) 2024/3019 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2024 concerning urban wastewater treatment (recast)	Directive - EU - 2024/3019 - EN - EUR-Lex

Part B: Relevant guidance (the list is not exhaustive): relevant guidance for environmental and climate related project studies and documentation

Title	Internet link
Environmental assessments of plans, programmes and projects - rulings of the Court of Justice of the European Union	https://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/pdf/EIA_rulings_web.pdf
EIA guidance - Screening (2017)	https://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/pdf/EIA_guidance_Screening_final.pdf
EIA guidance - Scoping (2017)	https://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/pdf/EIA_guidance_Scoping_final.pdf
EIA guidance - EIA report (2017)	https://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/pdf/EIA_guidance_EIA_report_final.pdf
Interpretation of definitions of project categories of annex I and II of the EIA Directive	Interpretation of definitions of project categories of annex I and II of the EIA Directive - Publications Office of the EU
Guidance on Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity into Environmental Impact Assessment	https://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/pdf/EIA%20Guidance.pdf
Interpretation suggested by the Commission as regards the application of the EIA Directive to ancillary/associated works	https://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/pdf/Note%20-%20Interpretation%20of%20Directive%2085-337-EEC.pdf
Guidelines on the assessment of indirect and cumulative impacts as well as impact interactions	https://ec.europa.eu/environment/archive/s/eia/eia-studies-and-reports/pdf/guidel.pdf
Other guidance	https://ec.europa.eu/environment/eia/eia-support.htm
Commission Notes on Designating Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Setting conservation objectives, Establishing conservation measures for Natura 2000 Sites	https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/3f466d71-92a7-49eb-9c63-6cb0fadf29dc/library/3a8cbb6b-c03d-41af-ab2f-941fb2cbf41b?p=1&n=10&sort=modified_DESC
Commission note on setting conservation objectives for Natura 2000 sites	https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/3f466d71-92a7-49eb-9c63-6cb0fadf29dc/library/4f06f774-df20-4269-9e49-1a79a95fa040/details
Commission note on establishing conservation measures for Natura 2000 sites	https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/3f466d71-92a7-49eb-9c63-6cb0fadf29dc/library/da138066-6136-4dec-9f98-07ed00e64231/details
Establishing conservation measures for Natura 2000 sites	https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/management/docs/conservation%20measures.pdf
Commission notice "Managing Natura 2000 sites: the provisions of Article 6 of the 'Habitats' Directive 92/43/EEC" (updated in November 2018)	Commission Notice – Guidance on Natura 2000 and fishing – Application of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and Article 4 of the Birds Directive to marine fishing activities - Publications Office of the EU
Assessment of plans and projects significantly affecting Natura 2000 sites Methodological guidance on the provisions of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC (updated in	Commission notice Assessment of plans and projects in relation to Natura 2000 sites – Methodological guidance on the

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Title	Internet link
2021): Annex: examples of practices, case studies, methods and national guidance	provisions of Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC 2021/C 437/01 - Publications Office of the EU
JASPERS approach to Appropriate Assessment for water, wastewater, floods, and disaster risk management projects	JASPERS approach to Appropriate Assessment for water, wastewater, floods, and disaster risk management projects
Guidance on adapting Natura 2000 sites to climate change	Guidance on adapting Natura 2000 sites to climate change - Environment
Guidance document on the strict protection of animal species of Community interest under the Habitats Directive	https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/a17dbc76-2b51-11ec-bd8e-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-search
Common Implementation Strategy Guidance Document No. 36 Exemptions to the Environmental Objectives according to Article 4(7)	CIS Guidance Article 4 7 FINAL.PDF (europa.eu)
Water Framework Directive JASPERS Checklist tool	Water Framework Directive Updated JASPERS Checklist tool
EIB Project Carbon Footprint Methodologies: Methodologies for the Assessment of Project GHG Emissions and Emission Variations (Version 11.3)	EIB Project Carbon Footprint Methodologies
Commission Notice — Technical guidance on the climate proofing of infrastructure in the period 2021-2027	Commission Notice — Technical guidance on the climate proofing of infrastructure in the period 2021-2027 - Publications Office of the EU
Climate Change and Major Projects: Outline of the climate change related requirements and guidance for major projects in the 2014-2020 programming period, developed by Directorate General of the European Commission Climate Action	https://climate.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2016-11/major_projects_en.pdf
JASPERS Approach to climate proofing of water wastewater projects (currently under update)	Climate proofing of water and wastewater projects