



During the examination of direct assignments, the evaluation also examined in more detail the stage of the project cycle at which JASPERS became involved. JASPERS internal indicators measure upstream involvement in projects based on a 3-category split. For the purposes of this evaluation these categories have been further sub-divided to indicate whether JASPERS involvement (at whatever stage) led to a physical change in the project form, or whether the advice given was principally directed towards the presentation of the project for the purposes of the grant application.

Assignment Categories			
JASPERS Categories		EV Categories	
Category	Description	Category	Description
1	Involvement "at the beginning of project preparation"	1a	Influence on project concept
		1b	No influence on project concept (presentation only)
2	Involvement "during the feasibility study preparation"	2a	Influence on project concept
		2b	No influence on project concept (presentation only)
3	Involvement "after draft application is prepared"	3a	Influence on project concept
		3b	Other presentation issues

The contrast in results is shown on the following figure. In fact for the majority of direct assignments examined, JASPERS had no influence on the form of the physical project and the work was therefore mostly related to the presentation and documentation of a pre-existing project for the application process. The importance of this distinction is that application due diligence, whilst important to DG REGIO for the swift determination of applications, is not particularly high level advice, or something that the Bank is uniquely qualified to do.