

Financing Municipal PPPs

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Smart Cities need smart solutions

EUR 19.2m
EstWIN broadband,
Estonia



EUR 4.3m Street lighting, Lehrte/Germany





EUR 28m Multimodal terminal, Antwerp/Belgium



Municipal PPPs can be very big ...



EUR 1.6 billion Karolinska Solna University Hospital, Sweden



... or very small



EUR 12 million Municipal Kindergartens (4) Project, Latvia



Project finance for large projects

- Large municipal PPPs are usually financed on a non-recourse, project finance basis, competing for funds with sovereign deals across Europe.
- Credit rating of municipalities are often lower than that of sovereigns, raising guarantee issues.
- Large municipal PPPs often depend on subsidies (national or EU), causing difficulties of blending PPPs with grants.



Financing projects of small size

- Small PPPs need alternative financing solutions, e.g. on balance-sheet financing of private partner, JESSICA, development finance institutions, and targeted national solutions.
- Small PPPs should be highly standardised to minimise costs for advisors.
- Grouping small PPPs may enhance their bankability.



Financing Municipal PPPs

Bundle at project level

- Find a group of similar projects
- Procure and finance them jointly on a limited recourse basis

Bundle at partner level

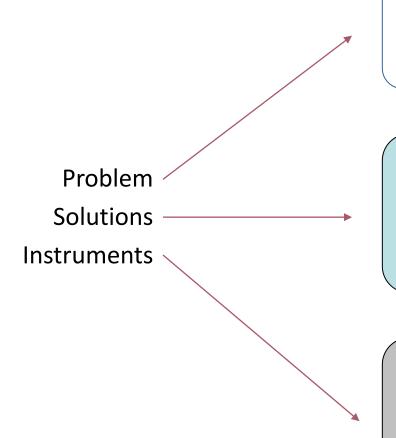
- Private partner finances various small projects on-balance sheet
- Banks securitise the portfolio to free room for new projects

Finance standalone

- Small projects
 normally not to
 be financed on
 limited recourse
 basis
- May need public guarantees
- Need tailored solutions



Market gaps in PPP financing



Limited financing for small municipal PPPs

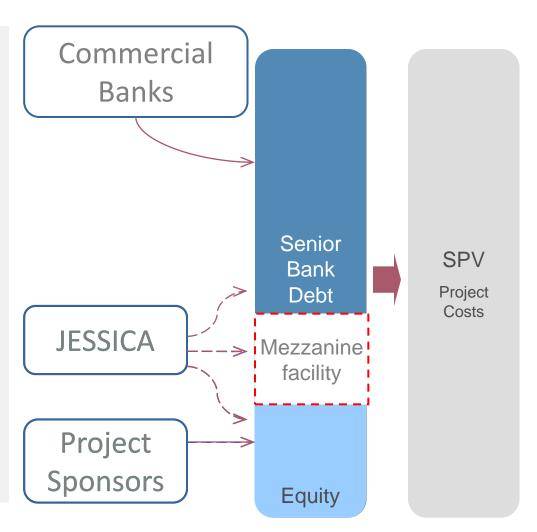
- More equity
- Different sources of finance
- New PPP structures

- JESSICA
- PPP-grant blending
- EPEC + ELENA



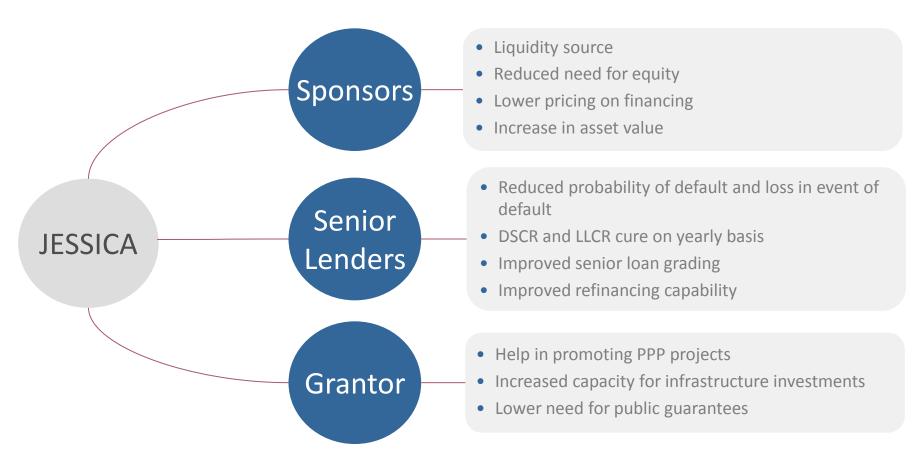
JESSICA in Municipal PPPs

- Specialized instrument jointly developed by the EIB and the EC
- Can provides debt or equity in municipal projects
- Provides additional source of funding and thus lowers senior debt requirements
- Improves capital structure and senior debt credit quality
- Potentially allows for funding cost reduction





JESSICA to reduce the Default Probability





JESSICA improves the financing capacity of municipal PPPs



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