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Dear Mr Mayor,

Thank you for your letter of 18 February 2022 addressed to JASPERS (Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions), concerning the set-up of a sanitary landfill at "Mavro Vouno" in Grammatiko and two planned waste treatment plants in the same area.

In its role to assist EU member states in the preparation of projects, JASPERS is already actively involved in a number of important projects to support Greece in its path towards meeting the EU circular economy targets.

In the Attica region, JASPERS is involved with the preparation of two planned municipal solid waste management plants for Schisto and for the Central Division of Attica. JASPERS is not currently involved in any solid waste projects in the Municipality of Marathon; any such projects should however of course be consistent with the Attica Waste Management Plan, and what is decided by the Greek authorities for the whole region (including Grammatiko) can potentially affect the strategy of the two afore mentioned projects.

For the two planned waste treatment plants in Grammatiko, the Greek authorities have not yet requested JASPERS' assistance to review the quality of the projects. Upon such request, JASPERS would be available to provide expert advice and specific support (review of cost benefit analysis, option analysis and sustainability analysis) required for the funding of such projects with EU funds.

Of course, JASPERS agrees with you that the construction of any waste treatment plants (in Marathon or anywhere in the EU) should comply with established EU rules and procedures, including the preparation (with public consultation) and prior approval of an environmental impact assessment.

Thank you for taking the time to address your concerns to JASPERS.

Yours sincerely,

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