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FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

EUSAIR Pillar 2 “Connecting the Region”: status quo on the TSG2



***Capitalization of Transport models in Adriatic Ionian Network for
supporting EUSAIR development***

1st Info Day

(Trieste, 15 July 2016)

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EU macroregional strategies: concept & framework

- From a pilot action (territorial and functional space with one or more common features and challenges; Baltic Strategy 2009) to forming part of the overall strategic planning

EC Regulation 1303/2013 (Common Provisions on ESIF 2014-20)

Art. 2, 31) Definition of “macroregional strategy”:

integrated framework endorsed by the European Council, which may be supported by the ESI Funds among others, to address common challenges faced by a defined geographical area relating to Member States and third countries located in the same geographical area which thereby benefit from strengthened cooperation contributing to achievement of economic, social and territorial cohesion



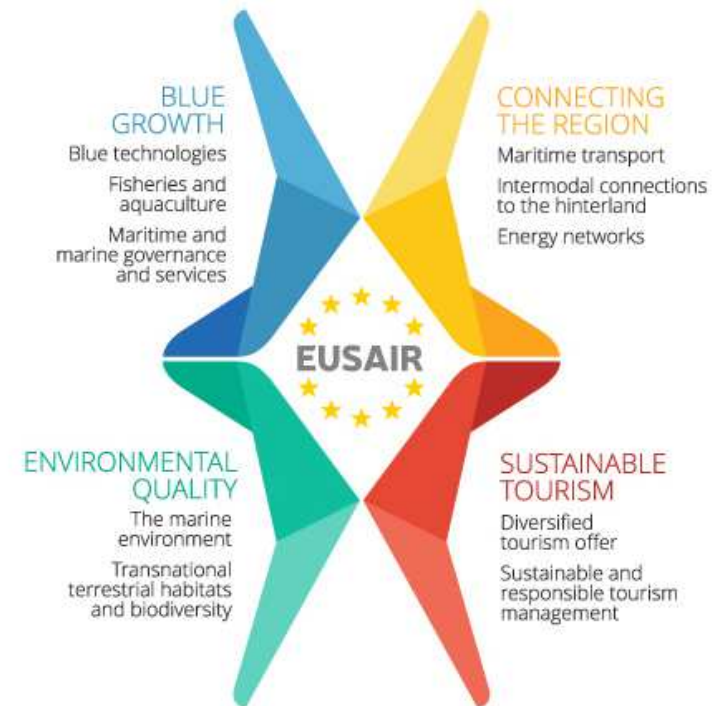
- Reinforced cooperation based on integrated development and «place-based» approach



EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region



Pillars



Capacity building Research and innovation Small and medium size business
Climate change mitigation and adaptation Disaster risk management



EUSAIR: state of the art (<http://www.adriatic-ionian.eu/>)





EUSAIR *Governance*

Joint Declaration
(Bruxelles, 18 November 2014)

GOVERNING BOARD- GB

Interface among political and
operational level

Strategic guidance

4 THEMATIC STEERING GROUPS- TSGs

Coordinated by 2 Countries
(1 EU +1non EU)

Implementing dimension

ADRION PROGRAMME 2014-20 (Facility Point)

**STAKEHOLDERS
PLATFORM**





Pillar 2. «Connecting the Region»

Improve connectivity within the Region and with the rest of Europe in terms of transport and energy networks

Maritime Transport

To strengthen maritime safety and security and develop a competitive regional intermodal port system

Intermodal connections to hinterland

To develop reliable transport networks and intermodal connections with the hinterland (freight and passengers)

Energy Networks

To achieve a well-interconnected and well functioning internal energy market

INDICATIVE ACTIONS



Thematic Steering Group-TSG2

Coordinated by **ITALY** and **SERBIA**

(2 Transport Coordinators+ 2 Energy Networks Coordinators
from Italian and Serbian Ministries)



Two Subgroups (Transport and Energy Networks)
composed by representatives from sectorial Ministries
+ EU Commission (DGRegio, DGMove, DGEner, DGMare)



Friuli Venezia Giulia Region and Abruzzo Region
participate representing the Italian Regional system

Role of Technical Support Unit



Main Tasks of the TSG2

- Building on the broad criteria presented in the Action Plan, developing specific criteria for identifying and endorsing actions/projects within the pillar;
- Identifying and endorsing actions/projects to be included in the Action Plan, ensuring that they comply with the pillar's objectives, with due regard to cross-cutting and horizontal aspects;
- Promoting relevant regional surveys, technical and economic feasibility studies and comparative analyses;
- Pinpointing relevant EU, international, national and private funding sources for the actions/projects identified and endorsed, facilitating and following up implementation of actions/projects, including monitoring and evaluation;
- Liaising with the other TSGs;
- Liaising with Managing Authorities/National IPA Coordinators, relevant EU programmes directly managed by the Commission, International Financial Institutions, regional cooperation organisations
- Liaising with and seeking inputs from stakeholders relevant for the pillar through the Stakeholder Platform
- Reporting to the Governing Board



TSG2 State of the art

- **First meeting** (Trieste, 20-21 April 2015) → more focused on functioning aspects, setting rules of procedures, introducing **6 general criteria** to select macroregional projects, financial support.
 1. **Address priorities and well-substantiated needs** expressed by Countries, Regions and stakeholders or Commission services and be widely supported
 2. Demonstrate a **transnational**, if not macro-regional, **scope or impact**
 3. Be **realistic** and **credible**
 - (4. Build on **existing initiatives** and have reached a fair degree of maturity)
 5. Pay attention to **cross-cutting aspects**
 6. Be **coherent and mutually supportive**

- **Second meeting** (Belgrade, 6-7 July 2015) → prioritization process of actions and projects, possible specific criteria and source of financing, available databases and involvement of stakeholders. Absence of some Countries determined postponement of decisions.



TSG2 state of the art

- **Third meeting** (Rome, 14-15 December 2015) → endorsement of Priority Actions and Sub-Actions short list as well as a proposal of cross cutting issues by the TSG2 Sub-Groups. Proposal of work plan 2016 was adopted.
- **Fourth meeting** (Belgrade, 5-6 April 2016) → preliminary discussion on **labelling procedure** (methodology and tasks), definition of possible specific criteria, debate on the organization of periodical experts workshops and involvement of key stakeholders, technical proposal to map financial instruments available (crosschecking ESIF/IPA/EU/National Funds+IFI's+private and donors)
 - ➔ **Labelling procedure:** identify – through general and specific guiding principles/criteria to be established per each priority action endorsed by the TSG – the measures/projects best contributing to achieving the objectives of the EUSAIR Action Plan topics.



Endorsed Priority Actions and Subactions (Transport)

Topics	Priority Actions
<p>Maritime transport <i>(Specific objective: To strengthen maritime safety and security and develop a competitive regional intermodal port system)</i></p>	Improving and harmonizing traffic monitoring and management
	Developing ports, optimizing port interfaces, infrastructures and procedures/operations
<p>Intermodal connections to the hinterland <i>(Specific objective: To develop reliable transport networks and intermodal connections with the hinterland, both for freight and passengers)</i></p>	Developing the Western Balkans transport network
	Developing motorways of the sea
	Cross-border facilitation
Transport Cross-Cutting Issues	
<p>Specific objective: To improve the governance and build an efficient institutional and administrative capacity</p>	1) Removing of barriers for the mobilization of cross-border investments in transport networks by the definition of agreements and memorandums of understanding
	2) Development of a joint lifelong learning plan, training tools and methodologies



Roadmap - next steps

- Common analysis on existing bottlenecks (at infrastructure and non-infrastructure level), ongoing and planned actions at regional/national level has been initiated and will be further deepened;
- Organisation of thematic and experts seminars, in close cooperation with European Commission, to review the current situation of the transport system in the Region
- Dialogue with other macroregional strategies (especially EUSDR) and forms of co-operation with existing European and multilateral organizations having similar or converging objectives, in order to avoid overlaps and find complementarities (SEETO, Energy Community, CESEC Initiative, others)
- Synergies with so called “Berlin Process”-WB6
- Involvement of key stakeholders promoting industrial partnership
- Mapping financing instruments available and dialogue with responsible Authorities

IDENTIFICATION OF MACROREGIONAL PROJECTS /MEASURES



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Thank you for your attention

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