



# EUSAIR revision process: Pillar 2 Sub-group Transport Action Plan revision

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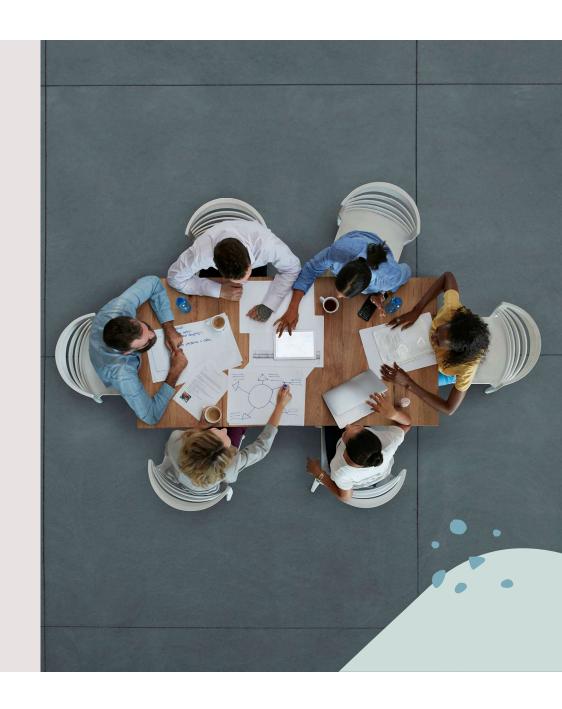
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# 01 The role of TSGs in the revision process



## Steps towards EUSAIR Action Plan revision

Izola
Declaration
(05/2021)
AP revision
initiation

17th GB (03/2022) Background document & Roadmap on AP revision v.1

NC meeting (04/2022) Issues: timing and Strategy revision

Tirana
Declaration
(05 2022)
AP revision
reaffirmation

Public consultation (16/05-30/06 2022)

18th GB meeting (10/2022) Background d. & Roadmap v.3



### Reasons for revision

- → Harmonization with current EU policies (EU Strategic agenda 2019-2024, Green Deal + new/updated relevant sector policies)
- → Transition from past to current multiannual financial framework (integration of flagships)
- → New countries joining EUSAIR
- → Facing emerging global challenges (COVID, migration, Ukraine, energy, supply chain crises)
- → Addressing governance challenges/gaps (towards more focused and implementation-oriented approach)



## Key implementers and their role in the revision process 1/2

- → EUSAIR Presidency: leads the process;
- → EC (DG Regio): observes and advises the process, coordinates with other DGs;
- → National Coordinators: adopt the Background document with Roadmap, coordinate and present strategic country positions on the Action Plan revision throughout the process, approve advancements in the drafting process decide on Action Plan structure, governance implications and contents, provide feedback to the draft of input document for EC Action Plan Staff Working Document and finally approve the input document;



### Key implementers and their role in the revision process 2/2

- → Pillar Coordinators: coordinate the thematic consultation in TSGs with the support of the EUSAIR Facility Point;
- → TSG members: present country thematic inputs within TSGs on Pillar related topic;
- → EUSAIR Facility Point: facilitates the process & ensures the transparency of the process;
- → EUSAIR key stakeholders with special focus on youth: share their views regarding revision through public consultation on transnational and national levels.



#### Key sources

- → EU policies and strategies
- → Western Balkan policies
- → EUSAIR key sources (EUSAIR monitoring & evaluation, pillar related studies)
- → EC reports and studies related to EUSAIR
- → Furthermore, political declarations, studies and reports from key stakeholders related to Adriatic and Ionian Region



#### Public consultation

- → Launched at the Tirana EUSAIR Forum
- → Online published at EUSAIR website/invitation sent by FP LP to EUSAIR mailing list
- → Running from: 16th May till 30th June 2022
- → Solid response: a total number of 342 contributions was received

#### Report available at:

https://www.adriaticionian.eu/2022/09/30/public -consultation-report-of-theeusair-action-planrevision/



#### Public consultation results 1/3

Which 3 words would you use to best describe the EUSAIR <u>as it is now?</u>

Which 3 words would you use to best describe the EUSAIR as it should be (2030)?





## Public consultation results 2/3

- General Framework: Peace and security priority; 2030 UN Agenda for Sustainable Development; Ownership and commitment to the MRS, including the implementation of flagship projects; Mainstreaming of topics; Involve equally urban and the rural/peripheral areas
- Governance: Cross-pillar projects facilitating cooperation; Territorial observatory and strategy; Governance/policy/capacity building projects existing outcomes review and capitalization processes; Formal and informal horizontal coordination mechanisms; More involvement of local and regional governments in EUSAIR (co-creation and co-planning)
- Cooperation: Capacity building and voluntarism; involving more (and new)
  organizations; voice and role to the civil society; People-to-people links; focus on
  Youth

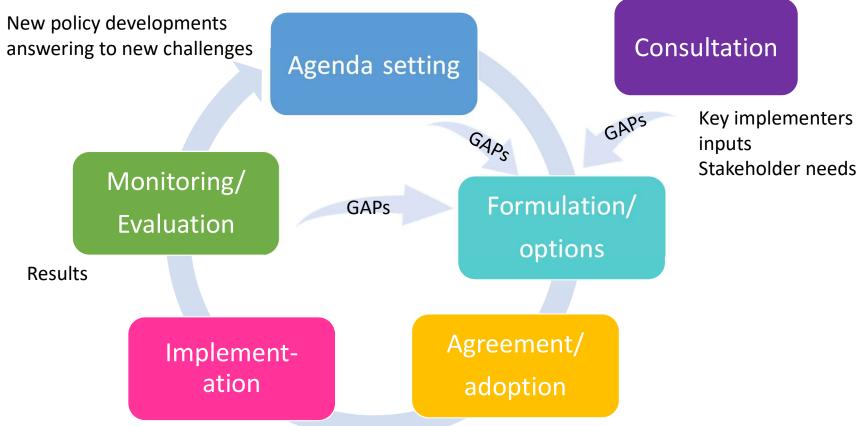


#### Public consultation results 3/3

#### **Environmental Quality** Connecting the Region Sustainable Tourism Blue Growth EUSAIR EUSAIR EUSAIR EUSAIR Cultural and creative Bring forward sust. Al infrastructure Blue economy and blue agriculture and link to innovation (not traditional industries Renewable energy Cultural heritage « farm-to-fork » strategy sources/energy sectors, rather emerging Innovation in tourism Circular economy efficiency/saving sectors) Soft mobility (walking, cycling, public transport) and e-mobility

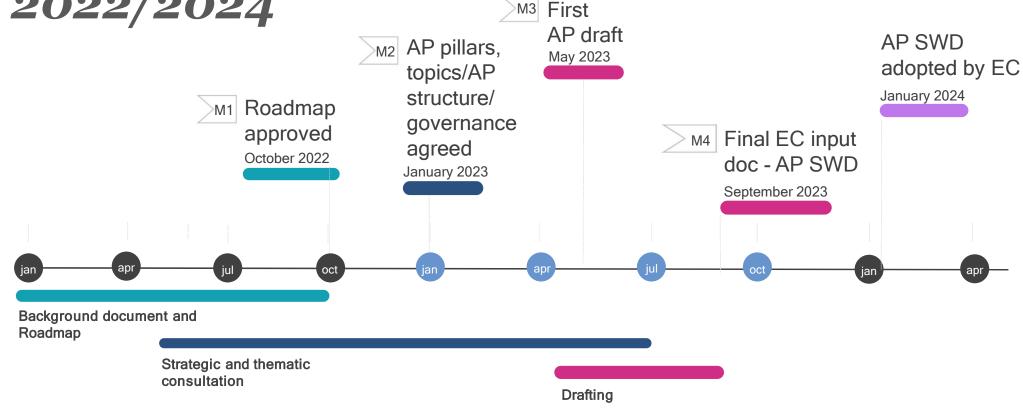
- More innovation, research and development (quadruple-helix approach)
- Accent on sustainability (in every joint action), green and digital transition
- Joint work on decarbonisation and climate change adaptation measures
- Joint work on Smart specialization topics
- Work on Skills (e.g. blue skills for youth), student and labour mobility
- More actions for Youth, stronger Youth involvement in EUSAIR and youth exchange programmes
- **Cultural dialogue**

### Policy development cycle - revision





### EUSAIR revision timeline 2022/2024 M3 First



**EC drafts SWD** 



#### Detailed EUSAIR Action Plan revision till spring 2023

AP pillars, topics/AP structure/governance Background paper First AP draft (process) approved agreed M1 **Strategic GB/NC** meetings: NC NC/GB meetings: Strategic country Revision process meeting: consultation consultation (country NC, TSG consultation approved if needed position papers): results -> WG established Needs for new pillars&topics agreed topics/pillars to be AP structure addressed Governance AP structure implications AP governance • Public **TSG** meetings consultation **TSG** meetings • NC/TSG consultation results results Revision process • AP first thematic proposal – agreements Initial papers/questionnaires presented • Indicators/further details proposal AP structure/ governance • New thematic representatives for new topics/pillars Thematic country inputs (questionnaire) Thematic country inputs • Questionnaires for country inputs on existing • focused only on new pillars/topics, if relevant pillars/topics + pillar-related potential new topics Thematic • Indicators/further details consultation October November December **February** March **April** January FP: FP: Gathering of inputs from • Initial papers, Gathering of inputs on **Facility point** NC/TSG level questionnaires NC/TSG level • Preparation of proposals on support Public Preparation of 1st AP for the meetings consultation draft AP report

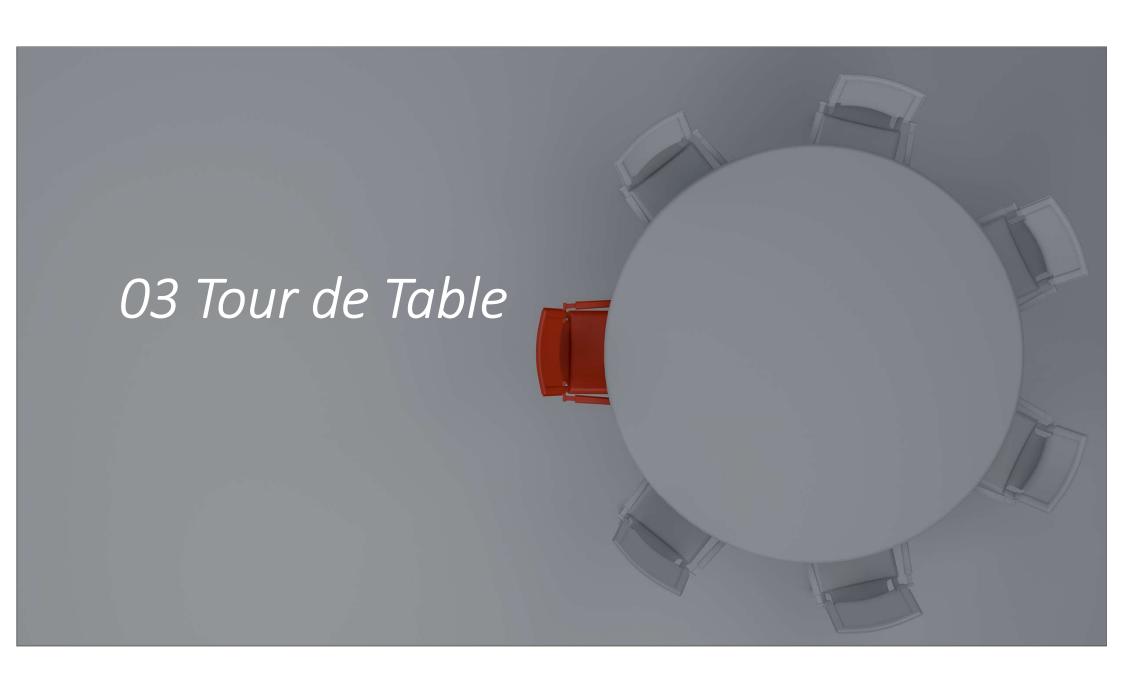




#### Questions on Governance

- Should there be a definition of a mission for each Pillar?
- Should objectives be set per Topics? Should targets to be achieved be set as well?
- Should indicative/possible Actions as defined in the current Action Plan be skipped and only agreed Actions shall be included?
- Should the existing, new flagships and/or project examples be included in the Actions?
- Should indicators for each Action and targets to be achieved be included in the Action Plan?
- Any other relevant comments to the Action Plan structure and governance concerning the work in your Pillar and sub-group?







#### Conclusions and next steps

- Both processes, Action Plan revision and Transport Masterplan will be aligned.
- Pillar 2 Subgroup Transport will hold bilateral exchange meetings with relevant experts, governance structures in each country, to discuss topics and actions of the new Action Plan-> meetings in December 2022.
- By mid January 2023 Pillar 2 Transport Subgroup Coordinators and their external experts will prepare a proposal (input paper) for the National Coordinators' Revision Working Group and February NC and GB meetings.
- To ensure comparability, the proposal will follow the chapters of the Initial policy paper to have the same level of information provided for all Pillars.
- Further details of Action Plan contents will be developed in Spring 2023 in order to integrate Pillar 2 Transport Subgroup input in the First Action Plan Draft (May 2023).



Thank you for a constructive meeting!