Interreg ADRION ADRIATIC-IONIAN

European Regional Development Fund - Instrument for Pre-Accession II Fund

EUSAIR FACILITY POINT

EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region EUSAIR

EUSAIR Aaction Plan revision:
Item 2 - Report on the Action Plan revision process
Item 3 – Country position papers and first feedback from TSGs

First meeting of the Revision Working Group

Zagreb and online, December 9th 2022

Contents

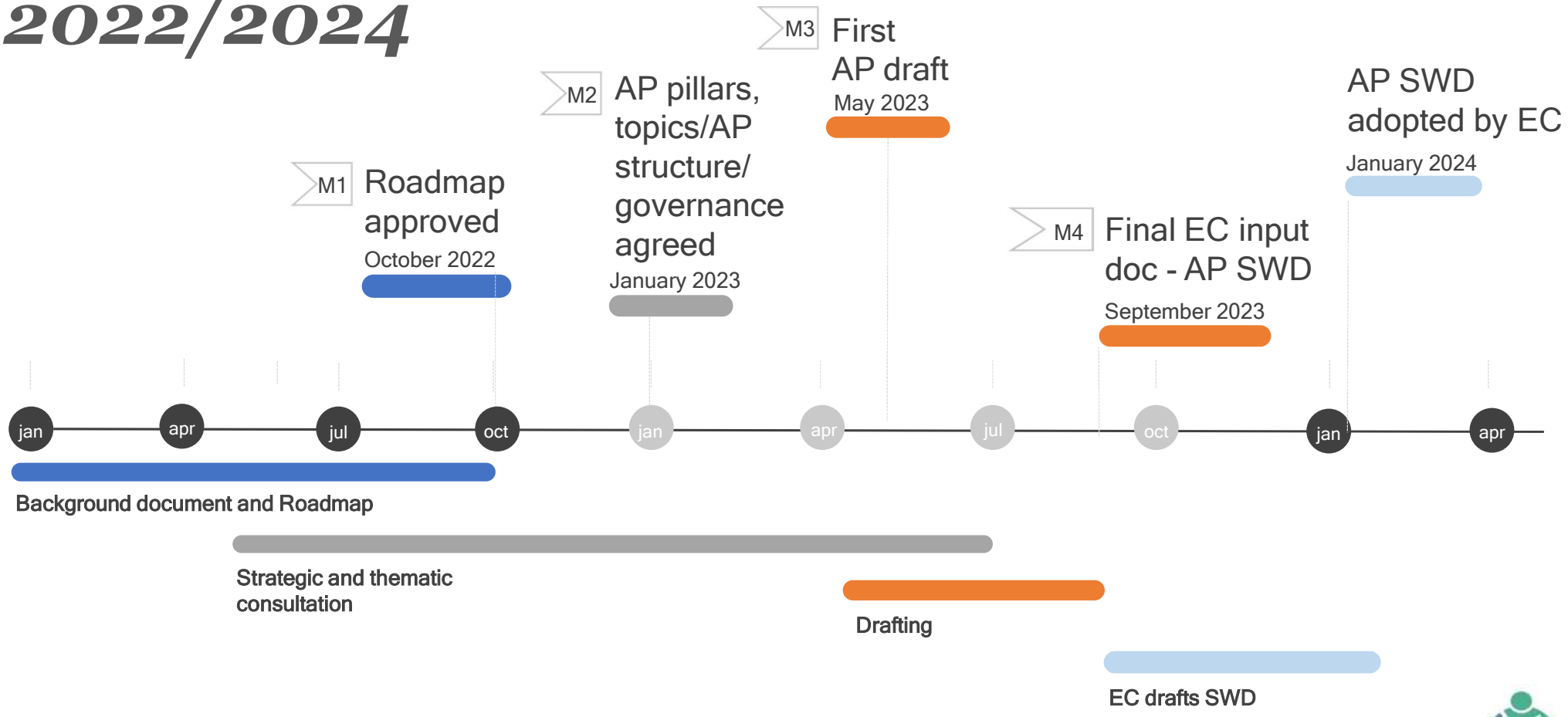
01 Status of thematic and strategic consultation

02 Feedback from TSGs

03 Country position papers

04 Conclusions and next steps

EUSAIR revision timeline 2022/2024



01 Status of thematic and strategic consultation

Thematic consultations with TSGs - STATUS

- ➔ **Meetings were held with all TSGs and Sub-Groups** (October-December)
- ➔ All Pillar Coordinators sent Initial policy papers and Questionnaires to their TSG members to collect country inputs on existing Pillars and Topics
- ➔ National consultations are on-going
- ➔ The deadline for submission of Questionnaires (1 per country per Pillar) by TSG members is **December 16th**
- ➔ **Different approach for Pillar 2 – Sub-Group Transport** => alignment of Transport Masterplan drafting with EUSAIR Revision process => bilateral meetings organised in December => gathered proposals by mid January

Strategic consultation – Background document with Roadmap

- ➔ **Background document with Roadmap V4** prepared - all comments integrated/answered
- ➔ **Written procedure** launched 21 November => 22 days => **deadline 13 December**
- ➔ Comments received by Croatia yesterday
- ➔ Any more comments arriving?
- ➔ How to proceed? Approval only of the Roadmap (process)?

Strategic consultation – Country position papers

- ➔ Conclusion of the 18th GB to send them **by end of November**
- ➔ Received country position papers: Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, Slovenia
- ➔ Waiting for Montenegro
- ➔ Will other countries send their papers as well? When?

Strategic consultation – letter from EC

- ➔ Pending decision on Strategy/Action Plan revision
- ➔ Letter explaining procedure and timeline for revision of the Strategy EC Communication not received
- ➔ Any news?

03 Feedback from TSGs

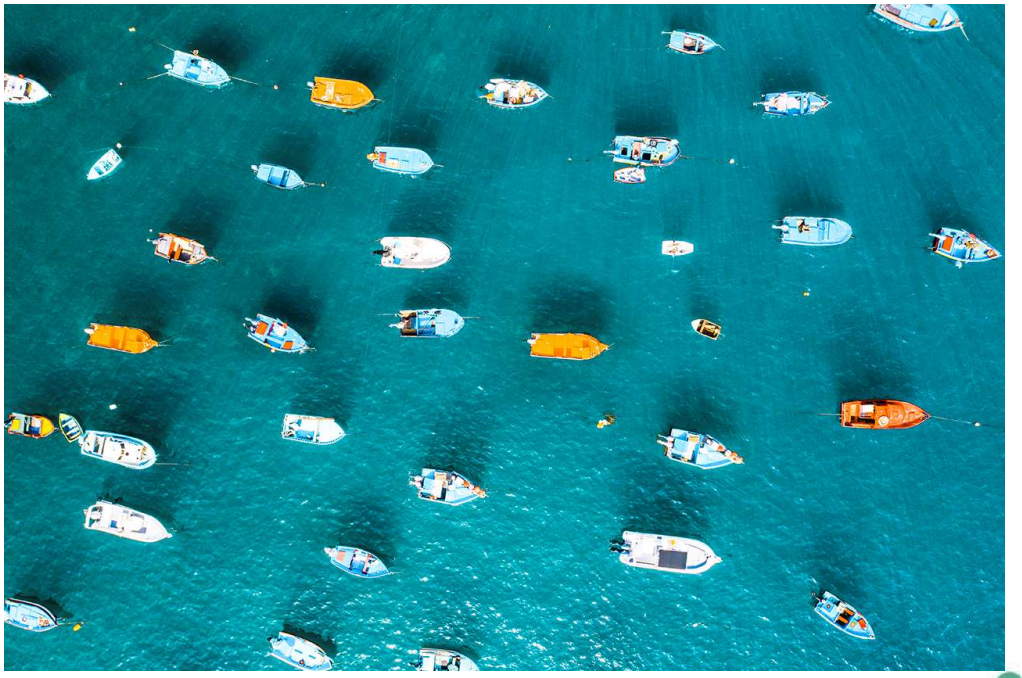
Pillar 1
1/2

First meeting held in May 2022, Presentation at TSG meeting held on December 7th 2022

- ➔ Regional approach needs to be taken into account, importance of countries (more than 1 country needs to implement the strategic projects)
- ➔ How relevant is Pillar 1 for land-locked countries? Can topics of Pillar 1 be extended to the entire macro-region?
- ➔ Data-collection + capacity building should be still very much improved. Those two need to be separated and stay separated in the implementation
- ➔ Where to draw the line between Pillar 1 and Pillar 3?
- ➔ JUMBO Pillar – need for division into Sub-Groups

Pillar 1
2/2

- ➔ higher degree of ownership necessary – rotation of coordination of Pillars
- ➔ professionalisation of Pillar Co-ordinator function
- ➔ Harmonised more detailed RoPs, ToRs for Pillar Co-ordinators, TSG members, Thematic experts



Pillar 2 – subgroup Transport

The TSG2 Subgroup Transport meeting took place on November 18th

- ➔ Consider **infrastructure (road, rail, inland waterways) + users** (freight and passengers) & Take into account **maritime and land-based** transport, territorialize (**urban and rural/peripheral areas**)
- ➔ There are **18 core ports**, ineffective integration of port in the landside transport system, potentials for IWT development, possible improvement of administrative procedures and digitalisation, as well as need to **improve sustainability** of port and **other transport handling operations**, complemented by the needed **upgrade of road infrastructure**, **improvement of cross-border network and facilities** and the extension of the TEN-T network
- ➔ There is the need „to add another layer to the Masterplan“

Pillar 2 – subgroup Energy

TSG2 Subgroup Energy meeting took place on November 30th

- Corrections were made already to the Draft Initial Policy paper and Questionnaire
- The importance of a new topic on “Green Energy” was strongly underlined

Pillar 3

Presentation at TSG meeting held on November 23rd-24th 2022

- **Thematic input:**
- Need to work on TSG cross-sectoral mutual implications
- Circular economy & Climate change adaptation
- Micro-plastic pollution and River pollution
- Water management
- Chemical pollution (mercury, PCP areas => clean-up and restoration)
- Sustainable Cold Chain Strategy (UNEP, FAO)
- **Cooperation:** Strong involvement of citizens, of other stakeholders (policy interface - similarly as in Danube MRS)

Pillar 4

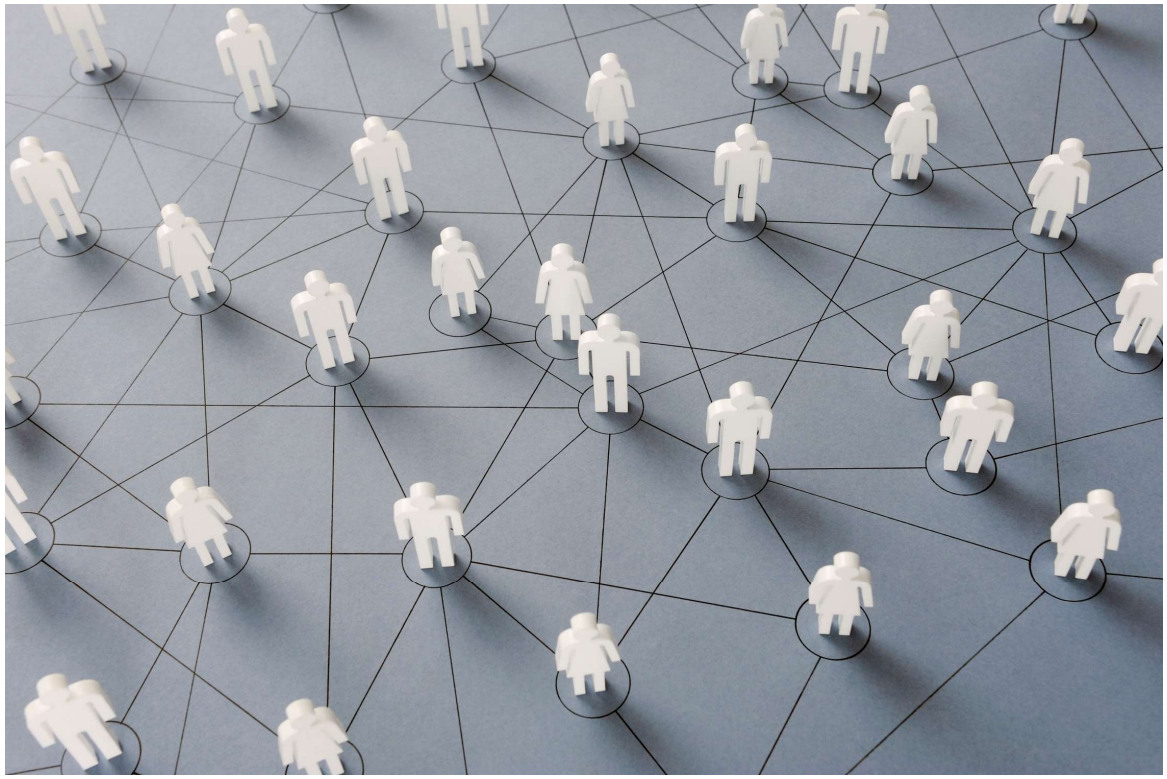
First meeting held in May 2022, Presentation at TSG meeting held on October 28th 2022, discussion on November 25th

- ➔ Corrections were made already to the Draft Initial Policy paper and Questionnaire
- ➔ The topics should stay as they are, no need to additionally streamline
- ➔ The need to keep both aspects of sustainability and de-seasonalisation were underlined

Pillar 5 – Social Pillar

Workshop in Sarajevo on 9th-10th November

➔Input from the Croatian representative?



03 Country position papers

Country position papers - STATUS

Country	Country position paper status	Presented
Albania	?	/
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Received	No
Croatia	Received	Yes
Greece	?	/
Italy	Received	No
Montenegro	To be sent. When?	?
North Macedonia	?	/
San Marino	?	/
Serbia	?	/
Slovenia	Received	No

Country position papers - overview

	Croatia	Bosnia& Herzegovina	Italy	Slovenia
New Pillars	Social Pillar	• Social • Sustainable Rural Development	• Social dimension (Health, Young people, Children, No discrimination)	No need for new pillars *(new topics to be included in eisting pillars)*
Horizontal Topics	/	• EU Enlargement • Gender equality • Youth • Fight against corruption • Security	• EU Enlargement • Research & Innovation • Capacity building	• Competences and skills • Circular Economy (in pillar 1 and 3) • Inclusion of Youth • EU Enlargement • Smart Specialisation Strategies
Governance	Improvement of efficiency and effectivness 1) political leadership and commitment, 2) efficient decision-making 3) strategy implementation oversight	/	• Increasing effectiveness • Clearer role of horizontal topics	/

04
Conclusions and next steps

Conclusions – as provided in word file after the meeting

Thank you!