

REPORT ON PILLAR 3

State of play and work ahead

Technical Meeting of EUSAIR Pillar Coordinators
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 5th October 2022



TSG moving from ideas to action

Key achievements and main outcomes from March 2022 (last meeting):

EVENTS:

- TSG3 meeting with quorum on 22. March 2022, On-line

Pillar participation at other events/meetings:

- 2nd **Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention**, 24-25 March 2022, **Istanbul Turkey**
- All Round Table on **National Parks in the Adriatic Ionian region as a driver of sustainable development**, 29 March 2022, on-line
- Project **NAMIRS Kick-of Press conference**, 31 March 2022, Trieste, Italy
- Cooperation in future activities **between EUSAIR Pillar 3 and Barcelona Convention**, 11-12 April 2022, Split Croatia, Meeting with PAP/RAC and TSG3 Coordinators
- **Promoting Eco-Connectivity in the Adriatic and Ionian macro-region**, 05-06 August 2022, Žabljak, Montenegro



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TSG3 Pillar Session at 7th EUSAIR Forum, 17 May 2022, Tirana, Albania: *Biodiversity/Marine Protected Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction*

Panellists:

- **Andrej Sovinc**, *Analysis of Marine (water) Protected Areas in EUSAIR and Proposals for Corrective Measures*
- **Mitja Grbec**, *Analysis of legal basis for the Establishment and Further Development of Marine Protected Areas in EUSAIR with Particular Emphasis on Transboundary Marine Protected Areas*
- **Vassiliki Vassilopoulou**, *Designation of representative interconnected climate resilient MPA networks and establishment of transboundary integrated MSP: a review of key points towards delivery of the 2030 Biodiversity Strategy*
- **Davor Percan**, *Regional and Bilateral Environmental Cooperation, DG ENV, Toward a future global biodiversity framework and its significance for the Adriatic and Ionian Region*
- **Stavros Antoniadis**, *UNEP/MAP (Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan United Nations Environment Programme, Barcelona Convention Secretariat)*



KEY OUTCOMES OF THE SESSION

1. **Identification of potential areas for future protection in the region and by countries** (MPAs, Natura/EMERALD, OECMs...) and plans for improvement of transboundary management effectiveness of existing MPAs.
2. Proposal for **establishment of the Action plan at TSG₃ level with clear objectives in supporting identification and designation of MPAs**, capacity development and networking.
3. **Reinforcement of existing national activities** of partners/countries in combination with new **transnational/macroregional approaches** (blue and green) corridors, ecosystem services, charismatic species, interaction with other sectors, climate change process, new partnerships, innovative activities/tools.
4. **Extension of existing networks** (national MPAs, NATURA 2000 & EMERALD networks) & transboundary management (i.e. EGTC) with possible **combination of different legal basis and instruments** (i.e., Strait of Bonifacio case / MPAs/NATURA 2000 & EGTCs, SPAMI, PSSA).
5. To achieve long-term conservation goals and at the same time **establishing a legal instrument for transboundary MSP** in a coherent manner to ensure ecosystem-based management aiming at both biodiversity protection and sustainable economic development.



Cross-MRS Meeting on fostering Synergies across MRS contribution to Biodiversity

**On-line meeting
17 November 2022**



Mediterranean Coast and Macroregional strategies Week 2022 in NUMBERS

4 Macro regional strategies

(EUSAIR, EUSBSR, EUSDR, EUSALP)

8 Events/workshops/meetings

15 Countries (Slovenia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, San Marino, Belgium, Finland, Germany, Austria, Slovakia)

150 Participants at all events (70 at the Official opening)

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**TEDEN SREDOZEMSKJE OBALE
IN MAKROREGIONALNIH
STRATEGIJ**

Izola, Slovenija
19.-23. september 2022

**MEDITERRANEAN COAST
AND MACRO-REGIONAL
STRATEGIES WEEK**

Izola, Slovenia
19-23 September 2022

*Healthy sea for safer future
Zdravo morje za varno prihodnost*

Project completed: 30th of September 2022

As a result of preparatory activities, the CAMP B&H is designed to encompass two major components with a set of activities and sub-activities:

A. Horizontal activities

- 1. Project Co-ordination, integration and dissemination of results**
- 2. Capacity building/Awareness raising**
- 3. Spatial Data Infrastructure/Information system/Data management**

B. Individual activities integrated into Coastal Plan

- 1. Institutional mechanism for ICZM**
- 2. Marine habitats and protected area**
- 3. Monitoring marine and coastal environment**
- 4. National Contingency Plan**
- 5. Sustainable tourism: coastal – hinterland**
- 6. Climate change adaptation**



WORKING CONCLUSIONS OF THE PILLAR COORDINATORS MEETING, 5. October 2022

Pillar Coordinators (PCs) :

- agreed to proceed with the revision of the Action Plan (more point 11 on the Agenda)
- stressed the need to be given more time to report on their activities at the GB meeting,
- agreed to step up the exchange of ideas during future PC technical meetings regarding how to work on the topics that are relevant for the revision of the Action Plan,
- underlined that the amount of work dedicated to the Strategy is getting bigger every year.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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