**II Roundtable on the “Development of joint management plans for cross-border habitats and ecosystems with particular reference to large carnivores“**

**17th December 2019**

**CONCLUSIONS:**

Within 3 Panel discussion with 12 panellists who presented the facts on the topic of the Round table it can be concluded the following:

* Except the marine environment, macro-regional cooperation also need to focus on the protection and preservation of terrestrial ecosystems.
* The AI Region has rich biodiversity in comparison to the average European region. All countries of the macro-region provide habitats for Europe’s large carnivores, including the grey wolf, the Eurasian Iynx and the brown bear. These species require large habitats to sustain viable populations, and cooperation is therefore needed on joint management and on ensuring that infrastructure investments will not result in significant fragmentation of important landscape features and green corridors.
* Taking into account best practices of the region as well as some bad examples we should consider as gained experience.
* There is no doubt that we have to take concerted actions at all levels so regional and transboundary cooperation and conservation activities will make the key to finding solution for halting the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Alignment of policies and approaches across the region contribute to the effective management of shared natural resources.
* We believe that we all need to maintain with the strong political support to the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative and the EUSAIR, to improve the necessary administrative capacities and to involve subnational government level and mobilize regions, cities, agencies, institutions such as universities, private sectors and civil society towards its better implementation.

We consider the briefings and all the inputs made today very useful for our common work in the future when it comes to the environmental issues that were on the Agenda of our todays Round table.