

# Recap of the Governing Board

Brussels, 20/21 February 2019



# PARTICIPATION OF ALL EUSAIR COUNTRIES

Catania Declaration and raise of macro-regional importance

+ North Macedonia representative



## ***Item 4 - Follow-up of the Catania Declaration***

- **Governing Board members agreed to implement the Discussion paper** (from now on Position Paper) on implementation of Paragraph 6 of Catania Declaration in accordance with its new version (small changes, which mainly related to timing, were done), which was circulated after the GB meeting.
- It was agreed that TSGs members will propose their **macro-regional priorities by the 15 April 2019**, in the template that was prepared and circulated by the Facility Point Lead Partner (together with the new version of Position paper and the Roadmap).
- Support should be sought in FP PPs as well as in National Coordinators for EU Funds.
- After the proposal of all TSGs, **National Coordinators will consider and agree on proposed list, before the 4<sup>th</sup> EUSAIR Forum or by the end of May 2019** at the latest, but after prior consultation with national (relevant) authorities in their countries.



## ALIGNMENT OF FUNDING FOR EUSAIR

### Roadmap proposal, FP LP, NC meeting, 20.2.2019


The document represents an overview of tasks, roles & responsibilities and relations in the process through the phases in terms of alignment of funding based on Discussion Paper prepared by EC and steps agreed among the EUSAIR National Coordinators. It is a vivid document and each step might be further elaborated.

**Aim:** join agreement on macro-regional priorities to be included in the ESIP Partnership Agreements and IPA Strategy Papers and in relevant programming documents

**Precondition:** NCs directions at macro regional and national level, close cooperation of ESIF/IPA authorities and EUSAIR key implementers at earliest convenience & support of EUSAIR Facility Point Partnership at national/macro regional level


**Key EUSAIR implementers:** National Coordinators, Pillar Coordinators, Thematic Steering Group members

**Supporting tool:** strategic project EUSAIR Facility Point with project partners in all 8 countries and lead partner

PHASE		EC	NCs	PCs	TSG MEMBERS	FP PP	FP LP	DEADLINE	OUTPUT	RISKS
1	Introduction of discussion paper	Submit	Comment and fine-tune	Inform TSG members about the concept and needed priorities	Get informed	Get informed	Support presidency in dissemination	31.12.2018	Discussion paper v.2	No reflection from NCs
2	Approval of discussion paper		approve					19.2.2019	Discussion paper – final version	No agreement
3	Agreement on the methodological concept and Roadmap	Inform DG NEAR, DG REGIO units	Agree on a common approach and Roadmap and inform national TSG members on the GB meeting	Get informed	Get informed	Get informed	Prepare the Roadmap and disseminate it among partnership & NCs & PCs	20.2.2019	Common Roadmap	No agreement
4	Defined set of priorities within the TSGs to be included in PA & IPA PF 	Inform DG NEAR, DG REGIO units, participate	Get informed  Establish close consultation and coordination with the relevant national authorities that are responsible for planning in his/her country	Propose based on agreement at TSG	Propose	PP supporting PCs shall assist PCs in cooperation with TSG members and NC	monitor	15.4.2019	List of priorities with title, policy objective, summary of choices, short justification of the policy choice & brief reference to the tentative possible pilot/emblematic actions and projects – SEE ANNEX 1	No initial approval of the proposals at national/regional level
5	Agreement of NC on indicative shortlist of macro regional priorities	Cooperate and align with DG NEAR	Agree				Organise <u>ad-hoc meeting</u> or through written procedure	End May 2019	Short list of priorities	Lack of inputs by some TSGs/countries
6	Announcement at Forum		Presidency: announce	Present		PP supporting pillar assist in communication	Assist in communication	7.5.2019 (if possible!!)	Communication release	Time constraints
7	National meetings with the responsible authorities of	Inform DG NEAR, DG REGIO units, participate	organise		participate	Support in organisation (practicalities)			Establishment of “national EUSAIR Forum”	No agreement on common concept
	ESIF/IPA strategic planning and programming									
8	Dialogue with MAs at national level		Propose/Agree on general concept Propose meeting at national level	Participate	Take part and cooperate	In each country organise “(financial) dialogue meeting” Assist in organisation, communicate  Report results in cooperation with NC	General concept Participate or cooperate	Monitor (participate)	Feedback on what is needed for the next steps at national level	
9	Further elaboration of pilot/emblematic actions and project consistent with macro-regional priorities included			Coordinate	Cooperate and align	Support in experts to PC, project idea development		On-going, Autumn 2019 round of TSG	Project concepts	



- To be submitted by Pillars to NCs by 15.4.2019
- Agreement of all TSG members
- If possible, reference to the possible projects at country level
- PC to consider to distribute the template to the TSGs in advance. TSG members might consult with NCs, on how to approach (in order to stimulate TSG members to define possible projects "behind the priorities")

TITLE	Policy objective	Summary of policy choices	Justification	Reference to the tentative possible actions or projects	Other remarks
	See Art. 4.1 CPR - EC regulation proposal COM(2018) 375 <sup>1</sup>	See Art. 8.b CPR - EC regulation proposal COM(2018) 375 	Distinct, undisputed macro-regional relevance within the proposed priority  Consistency with highly possible priorities to be set at the national/regional level  Related types of actions being eligible for financing according to the proposed by COM regulatory framework 2021-27  Prove of strategic importance (size, complementarity, synergies with projects being implemented outside the country's territory, missing links, and multiplier effect if joint implementation...	If possible by country	
		<p>Article 8</p> <p><b>Content of the Partnership Agreement</b></p> <p>The Partnership Agreement shall contain the following elements:</p>			

*Agreed on:*

<sup>1</sup> See as well article 2 of EC Proposal on the ERDF+CF regulation COM(2018) 372 <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2018%3A372%3AFIN>



*Article 4*  
***Policy objectives***

1. The ERDF, the ESF+, the Cohesion Fund and the EMFF shall support the following policy objectives:

- (a) a smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation;
- (b) a greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management;
- (c) a more connected Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity;
- (d) a more social Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights;
- (e) a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives.

- (b) 'a greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management ('PO 2') by:
  - (i) promoting energy efficiency measures;
  - (ii) promoting renewable energy;
  - (iii) developing smart energy systems, grids and storage at local level;
  - (iv) promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience;
  - (v) promoting sustainable water management;
  - (vi) promoting the transition to a circular economy;
  - (vii) enhancing biodiversity, green infrastructure in the urban environment, and reducing pollution;

- (e) 'a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives' ('PO 5') by:
  - (i) fostering the integrated social, economic and environmental development, cultural heritage and security in urban areas;
  - (ii) fostering the integrated social, economic and environmental local development, cultural heritage and security, including for rural and coastal areas also through community-led local development.



## ***Item 5 - Report on the implementation of the MNE Presidency Programme***



- 4th EUSAIR Forum will be organized together with the 2nd Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce, Cities and Universities on 7-8 May 2019 in Budva (Hotel Splendid).
- 6 May 2019 is additionally reserved for side events. Chair called TSGs to send your proposal for the side events by the 1 March at latest / ASAP due to distress with time and space!

## ***Item 6 - EUSAIR LOGO***

- EUSAIR logo responsibility Interact -> EUSAIR Facility Point.
- Proposal for protocol and procedure for the use of EUSAIR logo to be prepared.



## ***Item 7 - ADRION programme***

- 2nd ADRION call for Axes 1 and 3 to be launched in May 2019.
- 2nd call for proposals - priority axis 2 devoted to natural and cultural heritage: Outcomes of the quality assessment planned to be submitted for approval on occasion of the 12th ADRION MC meeting in July 2019.

## ***Item 8 - Achievements of the TSGs & report from the Technical meeting of Pillar Coordinators (20 February, a.m.)***

### **EUSAIR ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**



- Pillar Coordinators presented previous and further activities of TSGs and agreed to submit Annual Reports by the 5 March 2019.
- Current state of play: Facility Point Lead Partner will prepare Annual Comprehensive Report (6-8 pages) by the 19 April 2019.
- Participation of all members of all TSGs (from all countries) is crucial in this round of TSG meetings as identification of macro-regional priorities is foreseen.





## ***Item 9 - EUSAIR Facility Point***

- Annual Activity Plan for 2019 and Communication Plan were endorsed.
- Lead Partner proposed priorities for further implementation with more focus on cross-cutting issues, assistance among the partnership and especially on communication and visibility.
- Facility Point Work package 4 – Stakeholder platform with several IT solutions that will make the EUSAIR process more effective.
- Facility Point Work package 3 - Building capacities for monitoring and evaluation kick-off event on monitoring and evaluation will be organized on 21 March in Athens.



## ***Item 9 - Additional support to the Governance of the EUSAIR - Facility Point Plus***

- Updates regarding new documentation are foreseen in the next week.
- Invitation for submission of cross pillar project ideas to be financed under Facility Point Plus project remains open until 10 April 2019.
- Submitted ideas so far:

ACRONYM	TITLE	OUTFIT	RECEIVED
ADRIONet	Managing Tourism Flows in Protected Areas	TSG 3 AND 4	26 September 2018
BlueCulture	Development of MR Cluster on BlueCulture Technologies and creation of International Competence Center	TSG 1 AND 4	20 December 2018
STETAI	Sustainable Tourism through Environmental Energy Technologies in Buildings of High Architectural Interest	TSG 4 AND TSG 2	5 March 2019



## ***Item 10 - Adriatic and Ionian Initiative***

- Inclusion of Republic of North Macedonia

## ***Item 11 - AI-NURECC***

- Follow their activities on the EUSAIR webpage





# Recap of the 6th EUSAIR FP Steering Group meeting

Tirana, 6/7 February 2019





## ***Strategic Project of 9 partners in 8 countries***

- Assisting TSGs and GB - Modus Operandi
- Facilitating project development
- Building capacities in Monitoring and evaluation
- Stakeholder Platform
- Communication



### ***Item 3 - Reports from the TSG and other meetings***

- **FP PPs supporting each Pillar have to be present at the respective TSG meetings and other events supporting the Pillar processes in the foreseen way.** FP LP will still be present at all TSG meetings but with less active role to allow more active participation to the FP PPs and by this enable the development of a close relationship between the FP PPs and TSGs.
- **Reaching quorum at the some TSG meetings is still an issue.** When sending out invites to the meetings, it is necessary from now on to inform also NCs and FP PPs for their support in reassuring the presence of their national members at the meetings.
- **Key outputs of the TSG meetings and other events should be sent also to the FP partnership,** especially if there is an agreement on further steps that needs to be processed at national level.



## Item 4 – WP T.1: Modus Operandi

*Description of the FP's support to the TSGs in a simplified way, the ways of cooperation, including our roles and responsibilities in that respect. It is meant for all of us to commonly understand how we can cooperate and to what extent.*

- The partnership developed the document Modus Operandi and commit to its implementation. However the document will be further developed on on-going basis.
- FP PPs may adopt the Modus Operandi for their needs at national level or for the needs of the Pillar to assure transparency of the processes and knowledge transfer as well.

## Item 5 – Financial dialogues meetings

- Financial dialogues at national and macro-regional level are needed (and foreseen in the Application Form) to be organised on regular basis and in cooperation with TSGs and NCs. Good practice examples among the partnership could be shared.

### 4 FACILITY POINT SUPPORT TO THEMATIC STEERING GROUPS AND PILLAR COORDINATORS – PRECONDITIONS, PROCESS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. ASSISTANCE TO TSGs			
ACTIVITY	PRECONDITION	PROCESS	RESPONSIBILITY <sup>1</sup>
Administrative support service to Pillar Coordinators	Close cooperation with PC and FP PP covering the cost for the Thematic Pillar Expert (i.e. "Pillar expert").	FP PP from the member state (MS) supporting Pillar shall engage the Pillar Expert in close cooperation with Pillar Coordinator (definition of criteria, expected deliverables etc). Expected deliverables shall correspond to 1 full time equivalent (FTE), 2FTE in case of Pillar 2.	FP PP is supporting the Pillar, which its respective country is coordinating <sup>2</sup>  (Pillar 1: GR, Pillar 2: IT, Pillar 3: SI, Pillar 4: HR)
GOOD PRACTICE:			
1. Define very well the relations between the FP PP (actually covering the cost for the expert), PCs (assistance to which is the purpose of hiring an expert in the first place) and the Pillar Expert itself. Define well and in advance the communication flows.			
2. Agree with the Pillar Expert to be engaged also for cooperation when drafting the progress reports, minutes, covering communication activities etc., in order to follow the process.			
3. If company is engaged, agree on an individual person within the company, who will be responsible for the work done.			
Issue paper	PCs can be supported in elaboration of Pillar related issue papers on specific topics that will be discussed at TSG meetings (PCs technical meetings or other events).	FP PP from the member state supporting Pillar shall engage an expert for this issue in close cooperation with PC (with clear definition of needs).	FP PP supporting Pillar in close cooperation with PCs (funds only allocated in PPs from MSs)



<sup>1</sup> This is a general rule, which can be, upon agreement between project partners, changed.

<sup>2</sup> Due to the limitation in the project's budget, only Pillar Coordinators from EU MS can receive support of Pillar expert.



## New functionalities at the EUSAIR website:

- Partnership building



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Find out about relevant institutions and organisations related to the Adriatic-Ionian Region. This non-exhaustive list is expected to grow over time. Would you like to see your institution on the list? [Contact us](#) and provide the necessary information.

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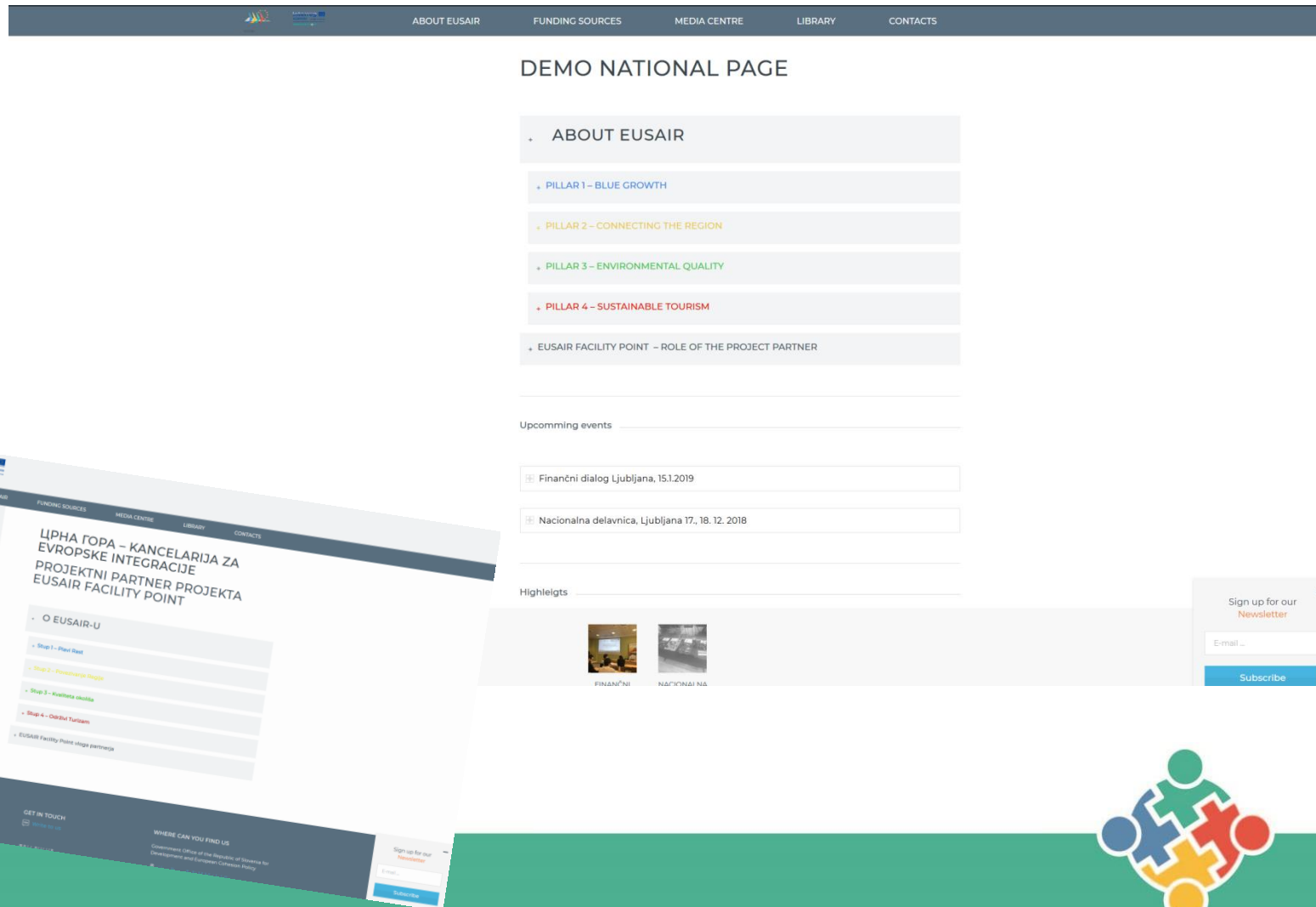
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## New functionalities at the EUSAIR website:

- Partnership building National EUSAIR landing pages – for national EUSAIR events

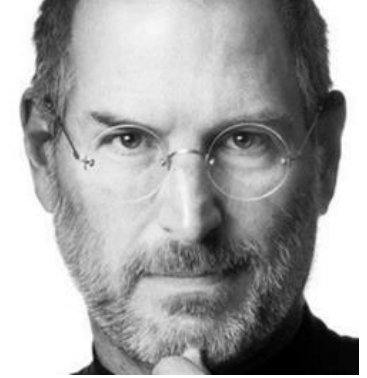


## Item 10 – Communication

- Internal communication is a **challenge**
- In case of any questions or doubts in the process, **immediate clarification** should be searched for - principle “Pick up the phone and ask!”
- **Constructive proposals and concrete examples of good practices within the region or your country are welcome!**
- Latest news: Broadcasts, prepared by Slovenian national TV will be translated.
- Let us build the Newsletter together and in a way that reflects well our activities.
- Getting all countries „on board“ of good cooperation between key implementors and FP.

“... Most people never pick up the phone and call, most people never ask...”

~ Steve Jobs



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### EUSAIR NEWSLETTER

FOR A PROSPEROUS AND INTEGRATED ADRIATIC AND IONIAN REGION

Dear readers,

*"The visibility of macro-regional projects is a note that needs to be highlighted to make Europeans aware of what the EU does and how we developed our common Europe after World War II" were the words of Franc Bogovič, member of EU Parliament at the opening speech of the [Mediterranean Coast and EU Macro-regional Strategies Week 2018](#) held at Slovenian Coast this September. But "A miracle lasts for three days only. For a long term results we need to invest and cooperate!" pointed out Ioannis Firbas, Greek National Coordinator at the other part of our macro-region, in Greece, at the workshop on [Local identity in tourism](#).*

True. Being a co-creator of our [common future](#) in this very new approach of cooperation should be understood as a privilege.

EUSAIR Facility Point is glad to see that we are on the right track.

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# Thank you for your attention!

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