

REPORT ON PILLAR 3

State of play and work ahead

Technical Meeting of EUSAIR Pillar Coordinators
2 March 2022



TSG moving from ideas to action

Key achievements and main outcomes from October 2021 (last meeting):

EVENTS:

- TSG3 meeting with quorum on 26. October 2021, On-line
- **TSG3 and TSG1 Workshop: “What can EUSAIR do to enable the blue and green sustainable growth in EUSAIR: MSP in EUSAIR state of the art”**, 9 November 2021 (Izola, Slovenia - online) as part of *Mediterranean Coast and Macroregional Strategies Week*

Pillar active participation at other events:

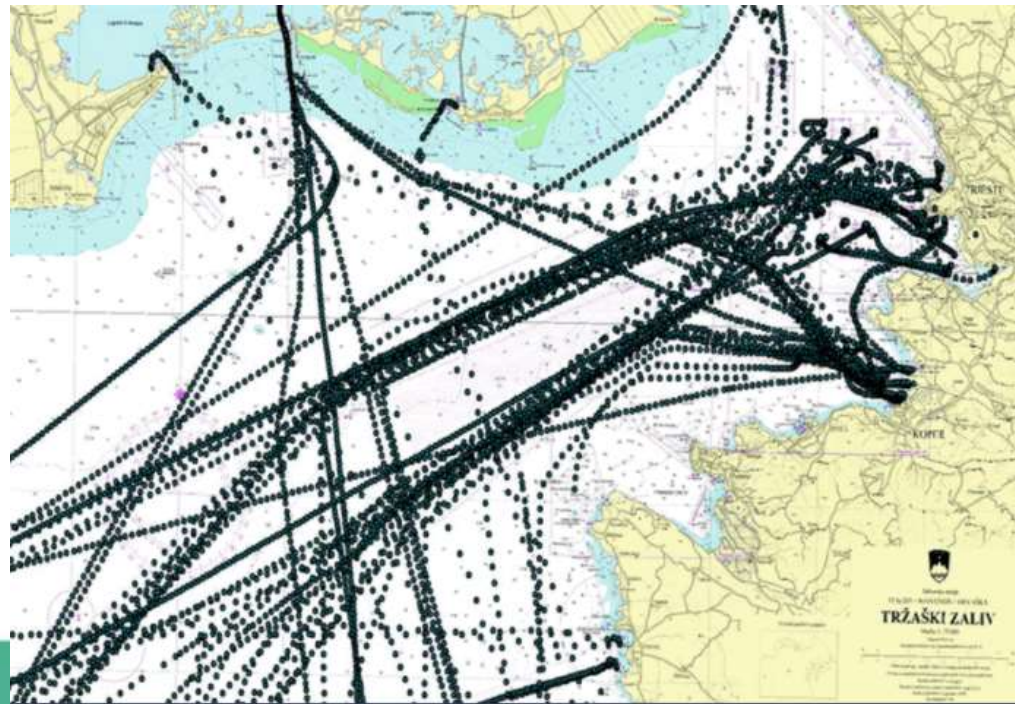
- Mediterranean Coast and MRS Week 2021, ***Communication quantity for environmental quality in EUSAIR***, 23 November 2021, online
- ***Re-Routing Tourism Aiming at Sustainable Green Macoregion***, EUSAIR Stakeholder Conference 2021, Rovinj (Croatia), 25 November 2021.
- ADRION annual and capitalisation event ***“Together for a resilient Adriatic-Ionian Region”***, 7 December 2021, online



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- Innovation expert prepared **Innovation Expert analysis – Eco-innovations & circular economy** - *Support for the process of coordination and development the work of the EUSAIR pillar Environmental Quality in Innovation-* to be agreed on next TSG3 meeting
- Engaged external expert to prepare **Action plan for joint planning on the coastal strip Koper-Izola for the pilot area of the Gulf of Trieste within the Flagship ICZM/MPS**
- **Defining TSG3 priorities to Flagships –**
Drafting the links between national priorities of all TSG 3 member countries and priorities of EUSAIR Macro region,.



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Interpillar cooperation with the implementation of **Handbook of Green Infrastructure** - flagships support sustainable solutions and **implementation of green and blue corridors** to enhance water, food, energy and climate security on macroregional level

- Sent application to LIFE programme Call 2021-2024 on 30.11.2021 – project **LIFE NOAH**, based on TSG3 Flagship 3MPS.
- Engaged external expert to **develop strategic project PET HAB ECO**
- Preparation of *Analysis of Legal basis for the establishment and further development of marine protected areas in the EUSAIR* – to be agreed on next TSG3 meetings



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- Increased online appearance in media

Press Conference on 26. October 2021 – Marine Protected Areas in EUSAIR Region

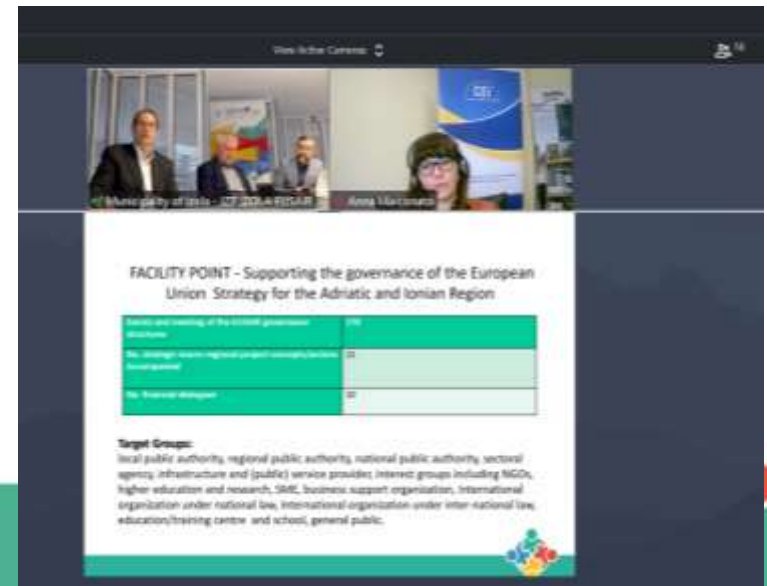
Speakers:

- **Mitja Bricelj**, Co-coordinator of EUSAIR Pillar 3,
- **Senad Oprašić**, Co-coordinator of EUSAIR Pillar 3,
- **Andrej Sovinc**, a lecturer, conservationist, prepared and presented the study ***Analysis of Marine (water) Protected Areas in EUSAIR and Proposals for Corrective Measures***

Press Conference on 16. February 2022 – Flagship ASOSCoP to be implemented through project NAMIRS

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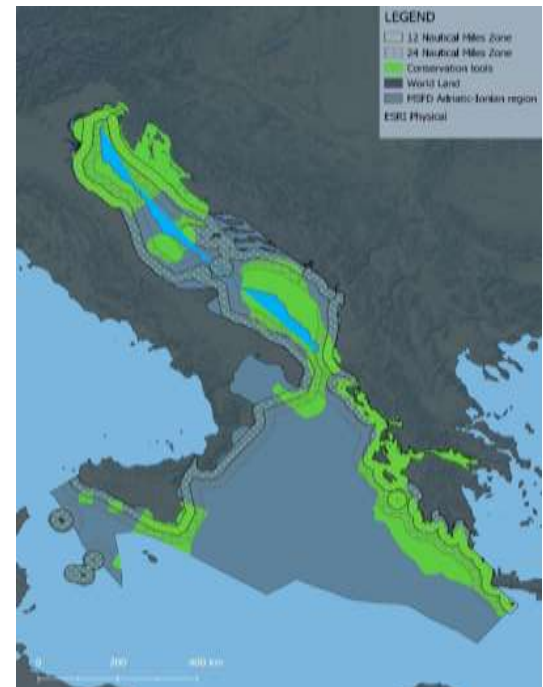
- **Mitja Bricelj**, Co-coordinator of EUSAIR Pillar 3,
- **Iztok Škerlić**, EUSAIR Facility Point TSG3 Project Partner
- **Anna Marconato**; head of the NAMIRS project at the Central European Initiative



WORK AHEAD - Plan for 2022

- Next TSG3 Meeting, 22. March 2022
- Further involvement with the MCSD and Barcelona Convention
- Involvement of Youth - local and international events for Coastal planning
- **Active participation at 7th EUSAIR Forum in Albania,** May 2022, Proposed title of the Forum session (to be agreed at next TSG3 Meeting)

Biodiversity/Marine protected areas beyond national jurisdiction



AOB

TSG3 Pillar coordinators support the conclusions of the *Evaluation of the European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)* prepared by Greece partners.

- Facility Point structure, does not need any revolution but only a but a careful upgrade of the existing as it is stated on page 10: **»The governing structure is considered adequate to accommodate the needs of this new phase of the Strategy on the condition of careful improvements based on the work done so far and the accumulated experience.«**
- It strongly supports the process towards the development of Integrated Territorial Investments -ITI at the regional level. ITI could be an individual Flagship, which would enable multifunding and multinational implementation of flagships and their derivatives: Macro-regional strategic projects!

TSG3 Pillar coordinators consider that is necessary to supplement the document *Towards the Revision Of the Eusair Action Plan - Background Document* with the Matrix, prepared by TSG 3, for the greening of all pillars.

- The matrix was adopted by the decision of the Governing Board of EUSAIR at the 8th session (agenda item 8), Podgorica, 3-4 October 2018: **»TSGs are encouraged and advised by GB to use the Matrix (prepared by TSG 3) when working on projects to ensure EUSAIR (inter-pillar and inter-sectorial) added value.«**

TSG3 is overall very satisfied with the structure and the partners of Facility Point.

