



PRIORITIES OF THE HELLENIC PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN STRATEGY FOR THE ADRIATIC -IONIAN REGION (EUSAIR) (1 June 2024 – 31 May 2025)



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Introduction to the Hellenic Presidency

- Context: Second term as EUSAIR Presidency; fourth as AII Presidency
- Positioned amid geopolitical challenges, EU integration efforts, and environmental priorities
- Key Focus Areas:
 - Support for Western Balkans EU accession
 - Cohesion Policy post-2027
 - Climate and green transition
 - Blue Economy and skills
 - Environmental quality and protection



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Key Priority Areas Overview

The Five Core Themes:

- EU Enlargement & Western Balkans Accession
- Post-2027 Cohesion Policy & EUSAIR Alignment
- Green Transition & Climate Action
- Blue Economy & Professional Skills Development
- Environmental Protection & Quality Improvement



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EU Enlargement & Western Balkans Accession

Objectives:

- Integration into EU frameworks (IPA III, WBIF, etc.)
- Aligning Strategy with Western Balkans Investment Plan
- Knowledge transfer for adoption of EU acquis
- Support for flagship projects aligned with EU accession chapters



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Cohesion Policy Post-2027 & EUSAIR Strategy

Focus:

- Strengthen vision and action of macro-regional strategies
- Promote territorial cooperation for cohesion
- Prepare for Cohesion Policy adjustments with EU enlargement
- Enhance inter-regional convergence and reduce disparities



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Green Transition and Tackling Climate Change

Key Areas:

- Cross-border cooperation on renewable energy and savings
- Development of wind farms, hydrogen projects, and interconnections
- Support climate neutrality via EUSAIR strategic pillars
- Upcoming Thematic Event on Energy & Sustainability



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Blue Economy & Skills Development

Goals:

- Enhance maritime security and marine ecosystem sustainability
- Foster skills development in coastal and maritime professions
- Support coastal community development and port modernization
- Preserve local biodiversity, promote sustainable fisheries



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Environmental Protection Initiatives

Actions:

- Establish two new marine parks in Ionian and Aegean Seas
- Implement digital tools for marine area monitoring
- Aim to reduce plastic waste by 50% and microplastics by 30% by 2030
- Regional cooperation for marine conservation



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Summary

Summary of Key Priorities:

- Enhancement of the cohesion policy post 27 dialogue
- Integration, sustainability, cohesion
- Emphasis on EU enlargement support and environmental protection
- Promotion of sustainable blue economy via skills, training and maritime governance



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Next Steps

- Thematic events, conferences, collaborative initiatives
- Strengthened partnerships and monitoring frameworks
- Increase of visibility of the Hellenic Priorities of the EUSAIR Strategy
- Recognition of the horizontal and cross-cutting themes of the Hellenic priorities of EUSAIR



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