

“Support to Development and Implementation of Strategic Implementation Formats – SP4EUSAIR”

Methodology for Capacity building workshops Pillar 3 – Environmental Quality

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A1.1 REPORT ON EXISTING IMPLEMENTATION FORMATS

DEVELOPMENT PATH AND KEY FEATURES

- Drafted: during July-October 2024
- **The goal:** to determine **the status of individual implementation formats** (regarding their maturity level and readiness for implementation)
- Online in-depth interviews with Pillar Coordinators conducted during summer 2024 – to collect qualitative data and enable a deeper understanding of the work done.

The Report has identified for each Pillar the following:

- ✓ Implementation formats development path,
 - ✓ Current state and developed implementation formats,
 - ✓ Specific needs of the pillars,
 - ✓ Summarized list of implementation formats by pillars (Annex 1)
- The Report has been presented and **formally approved on the GB meeting** (10th October 2024).



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MAIN CONCLUSIONS OF THE REPORT

- Initial stages of project development were **complex** (i.e. significant difficulties in transitioning from conceptual ideas to fully developed project proposals)
- **Gaps** in stakeholder engagement and coordination across Pillars (i.e. challenges related to monitoring mechanisms and structured stakeholder engagement)
- **Outdated** nature of some implementation formats (i.e. frequently highlighted the necessity of their update to reflect current needs and priorities)
- Lacking suitable **funding** and **criteria** for project selection
- **Cross-pillar collaboration difficulties** (i.e. missing established rules or procedures for the development of cross-pillar projects)
- ✓ **General remark:** Critical need for **streamlined processes, enhanced collaboration, and targeted resource allocation** to address macro-regional priorities effectively

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IDENTIFIED NEEDS FOR PILLAR 3

- **Enhanced collaboration** – need to increase the involvement of participating countries in the project development process and actively encouraging them to propose new project ideas/proposals and submitting them for funding
- **Effective project implementation** – ensuring the successful execution of projects and addressing challenges related to the practical implementation of strategic projects to achieve intended outcomes
- **Strategic development of new projects** – further development of existing projects and the creation of new initiatives that address emerging issues, proactive engagement from member countries in proposing new project ideas
- **Enhanced cross-pillar collaboration** – need to improve coordination and allocation of responsibilities across different pillars to support the development of cross-pillar projects, clear guidelines and better communication channels
- **Identifying suitable funding sources** - explore diverse funding options and align them with the goals of Pillar 3 activities



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CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY FOR TSG 3

HOW TO PROCEED FORWARD

- Capacity building workshops with TSGs in late 2024 and early 2025
- The goal – to enable conditions for identifying key strategic ideas and sources of financing for existing strategic implementation formats.
- Methodology for the workshops – the workshops will be tailor-made and designed for each TSG individually based on:
 - ✓ their needs identified in the Report (A1.1) and
 - ✓ their inputs for further development of the current implementation formats pointed out during the meetings
- Thematic steering group working reports on key strategic ideas (based on the outcomes of the workshops) – 1Q 2025



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MAIN OUTLINES OF THE METHODOLOGY

- For Pillar 3 capacity building workshop will focus on **revision of existing strategic projects and matchmaking them with relevant funding sources** identified in the short-term period.
- The workshop will provide:
 - ✓ insights into **current progress and key challenges**,
 - ✓ **propose recommendations for adjusting existing projects** to meet the upcoming funding opportunities.
- Appropriate measures to strengthen the commitment and ownership of project leaders and partners in the application process will be discussed.

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