Operational conclusions from the 12th TSG1 meting

- The quorum was checked and obtained so that decisions could be taken at this TSG1 meeting.

* Agenda was adopted unanimously, with minor changes proposed by the Slovenian representatives.

- Minutes from the 11th TSG1 meeting were adopted unanimously.

- TSG1 representatives and other participants were informed on state of the art in view of activities run by current EUSAIR Slovenian Presidency. Despite COVID-19 limitations, the Presidency is implementing foreseen activities. Slovenian EUSAIR National Coordinator **Ms Andreja Jerina** announced 6th EUSAIR Forum which is planned to be held in Izola on 11-12 May 2021. Presidency invited TSG1 members to consider topics for their respective Pillar Session and inform back by 15 January 2021.

- Pillar I Coordinators (**Ms Tzouramani Irene** and **Ms Slavica Pavlovic**) informed TSG1 members on the outcomes of the last EUSAIR Governing Board and technical meeting of Pillar Coordinators meeting as well as on Blue-Boost event. Also, they informed on their participation at the final PORTODIMARE conference, which will be held on 9-10 December 2020 (virtually).

- Representatives of DG Regio, **Ms Klaudia Feurle** and DG Mare, **Ms Eleni Hatziyanni** informed on the progress in terms of proposed EUSAIR macro-regional priorities and flagships which were shared with relevant EC services. They informed that 2021-2027 regulations on ESIF programmes have not yet been adopted and that its adoption is expected in the 1st quarter of the next year. They invited TSG1 representatives to catch the momentum and coordinate and communicate with MAs on incorporation in OPs. TSG1 representatives agreed to invite ADRION representatives on the next meeting, in order to jointly work on the preparation of the ADRION Cooperation Programme for the next period in terms of Blue Growth field. It was also agreed to provide to the ADRION Programme Authorities the proposal of including the health as a horizontal topic into the new ADRION Cooperation Programme.

- EUSAIR Facility Point representatives and Facility Point Plus manager informed on next steps and current state of the art. **Ms Mojca Krisch** informed that due to administrative, legal and other obstacles did not manage to publish call for cross pillar projects which were approved last year within Facility Point Plus project activities. Also, she said that the process of preparation of ToR for the second call of project ideas has started and will be finished in the upcoming weeks. **Ms Olga Abram** reminded on challenges in the implementation of the EUSAIR Facility Point strategic project planned activities caused by COVID-19. However, she informed on very good/increased usage of the EUSAIR stakeholder platform, which proved to be useful and functional tool during the pandemic period. Also, 5th and 6th EUSAIR Forums were announced, and all partners and participants called to increase the visibility of EUSAIR in this period. Ms Abram reminded that preparation of Annual Activity Plan for 2021 is about to start and invited participants to consider activities and propose/contribute. Under this item of the agenda, Greek experts presented the previous and upcoming activities related to the monitoring and evaluation. Some of the activities previously foreseen could not be conducted due to COVID-19 restrictions. Also, experts informed that drafting on pillar monitoring reports for 2020 is in progress, as well as the IDEAL EUSAIR study. With regards to the Pillar 2 experts for M&E, the process of evaluation of candidates is in the final phase, and the results are expected to be known within the upcoming weeks. The public procurement procedure for engagement external experts for further development of the FishTourAIR project proposal is in its final stage. **Ms Mathilde Konstantopoulou**, the project coordinator for the Greek Facility Point Partner, presented the state of the art of the FISH TOUR AIR project idea whose terms of reference for the procurement under WP2 are under preparation and are scheduled to be published before the end of the year.

- Participants discussed, scored and approved the last project idea AIM-FRISH, which was first presented at the previous TSG1 meeting (July 2020), to be sent to the Greek Facility Point Project Partner for further development with the support of external experts. Greek experts presented and informed the TSG1 members about 3 new project ideas: *SeaSusPack, AMOS, EURYNOME*. These project ideas will be circulated to TSG1 members for further commenting and upgrading. Afterwards will follow the evaluation process and approval via written procedure..

- Pillar Coordinators in communication with the Serbian TSG1 member proposed the topic for the TSG1 Pillar session at the occasion of the 5th EUSAIR Forum, i.e. *Freshness of fresh water fishes or other important topic for Freshwater aquaculture as Involvement of a new technology in aquaculture or Trends od aquaculture production and market of the aquaculture products*. The 5th EUSAIR Forum will be organised in Belgrade (virtually) on 28-29 January 2021 (tbc the date of the forum). Pillar Coordinators will send the proposed topic for Pillar 1 session to be approved via the written procedure.

- The topic for the TSG1 Pillar session at the 6th EUSAIR Forum need to be communicated to the Slovenian EUSAIR Presidency by 15 January 2021. Pillar Coordinators will send the proposed topic for Pillar 1 session to be approved via the written procedure.

* The 13th TSG 1 meeting will take place in Spring 2021.