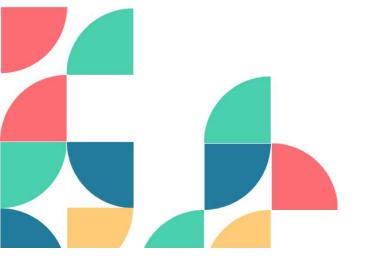
"Support to Development and Implementation of Strategic Implementation Formats – SP4EUSAIR"

State of play of project implementation

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SP4EUSAIR – A PATHWAY FOR DEVELOPEMNT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION FORMATS

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR WITHIN THE WP1?

A framework of cooperation and communication between the Pillars/TSGs and SP4EUSAIR project has been established

Online in-depth interviews with Pillar Coordinators (conducted during summer 2024) – to collect qualitative data and enable a deeper understanding of the work done so far

Report on Current Flagships and Developed Implementation
Formats (approved in October 2024) – to determine the status of
implementation formats regarding their maturity level and
readiness for implementation

Capacity building workshops with TSGs – currently in implementation (2 out of 6 successfully conducted)



A1.1 REPORT ON EXISTING IMPLEMENTATION FORMATS MAIN CONCLUSIONS



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Outdated nature of some implementation formats (i.e. frequently highlighted the necessity of their update to reflect current needs and priorities)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 crosspillar projects)



General remark: Critical need for streamlined processes, enhanced collaboration, and targeted resource allocation to address macro-regional priorities effectively



A1.2 COLLECTING KEY STRATEGIC IDEAS FROM FLAGSHIPS AND OTHER RELEVANT SOURCES

- Capacity building workshops with TSGs to be implemented until April 2025
- Primary objective: To identify funding sources and opportunities and to support future projects development
- Methodology for the workshops the workshops are 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 implementation formats
- Thematic steering group working reports on key strategic ideas based on the outcomes of the workshops prepared parallelly during 1Q and 2Q of 2025



A1.2 CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY FOR PILLAR 1 MAIN OUTLINES OF THE APPROACH

- For Pillar 1 capacity building workshop will focus on:
 - ✓ presenting the key challenges and needs that Pillar 1 has faced in the previous period (outlining the main conclusions from A1.1 Report);
 - ✓ identification of all possible funding sources applicable to the topics covered by Pillar 1 with the aim of inspiring TSG members to define new implementation formats/project ideas.
- The main outputs of the workshop:
 - ✓ Insights into all relevant funding sources,
 - √ insights into current progress, lessons learned and key challenges,
 - ✓ **Identify the practices of collection of new strategic ideas** to develop new implementation formats/strategic projects
 - ✓ TSG members should be inspired to define new implementation formats/project ideas that they want to develop and potentially apply to one of the upcoming calls.

Next steps:

The workshop will be held online on 21st February 2025.



CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY FOR PILLAR 2 – TRANSPORT MAIN OUTLINES OF THE APPROACH

- For Pillar 2 TSG on Transport capacity building workshop will be structured as matchmaking panel discussions in order to:
 - √ improve the current Master plan;
 - √ identify new topics in the field of transport.
- Within the workshop, SP4EUSAIR and PCs/TSG members will collaborate to match experts with the specific assignments/tasks required to improve and further develop the action/master plans.
- PCs will provide their assistance in the preparation process of ToRs for the assignments/tasks accordingly.
- Expert profile table with short biographies has been sent to the PC by SP4EUSAIR

Next steps:

After the submission of the list of assignments/tasks from PC the format and exact date of the workshop can be decided.





CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY FOR PILLAR 2 – ENERGY MAIN OUTLINES OF THE APPROACH

- For Pillar 2 TSG on Energy capacity building workshop will be structured as matchmaking panel discussions:
 - ✓ the implementation of the priority strategic projects (Master Plan, Road Maps, other studies, conference and forum) will be supported.
- Within the workshop, SP4EUSAIR and PCs/TSGs will collaborate to match experts with the specific assignments/tasks required to improve and further develop the action/master plans.
- Expert profile table with short biographies has been sent to the PC by SP4EUSAIR.
- Upon the submission of Draft Proposals for Strategic Studies and Projects experts will define the topic of the workshop depending on the topics in the field of energy that are inadequately represented in EUSAIR and the associated implementation formats.

Next steps:

After the submission of the document and corresponding analysis, the form and date of the workshop will be defined (tentatively end of March 2025).



CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY FOR PILLAR 3 MAIN OUTLINES OF THE APPROACH

- For Pillar 3 capacity building workshop will focus on revision of existing strategic projects and matchmaking them with relevant funding sources.
- The workshop will provide insights into current progress and key challenges and propose recommendations for adjusting existing projects to meet the upcoming funding opportunities,
- Key objectives for the capacity-building workshop:
 - ✓ Provide an overview of all relevant funding sources for Pillar 3,
 - ✓ Define the next steps for updating the 3 selected strategic projects,
 - ✓ Establish a participatory approach for the elaboration of the NEATNESS project,
 - ✓ Give insights into the **development of a new flagship** Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention through River Base Management (RBM), ICZM and MSP and define deadlines and next steps for its finalization.

Next steps:

- Preparation of description of the new flagship;
- Conducting the workshop in mid-March 2025.



CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY FOR PILLAR 4 MAIN OUTLINES OF THE APPROACH

- For Pillar 4 capacity building workshop was held on **3rd February 2025** (online). TSG members from **9 EUSAIR participating countries** were actively involved and participated in the workshop.
- Primary objective: To identify funding sources and opportunities for current and future projects development.
- The workshop has also enabled:
 - ✓ To foster active collaboration among TSG4 members and stakeholders,
 - ✓ to equip participants with the key knowledge and tools needed for the efficient preparation of project proposals

Next steps:

- > TSG Working Report on Pillar 4;
- Revision of existing strategic projects and matchmaking them with relevant funding sources (e.g. upcoming call of IPA ADRION Programme) – the exact number of projects is to be decided;
- Appropriate measures to strengthen the commitment and ownership of project LPs and PPs in the application process will be taken into account.



A1.2 CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP – METHODOLOGY FOR PILLAR 5 MAIN OUTLINES OF THE APPROACH

- Capacity building workshop was held on 6th February 2025 (online). TSG members from 6 EUSAIR countries participated in the workshop.
- For Pillar 5 as a completely new pillar capacity building workshop has focused on identifying funding sources and opportunities and supporting future projects development.
- The workshop has also enabled:
 - ✓ to showcase the financed/approved projects that align with Pillar 5 topics and actions (examples of projects that cover topics under Pillar 5),
 - ✓ to equip participants with the key knowledge and tools needed for the
 efficient preparation of project proposals (project development process and
 its main phases).



- ✓ TSG Working Report on Pillar 5: Summary of Conclusions and Future Project Development Directions;
- ✓ Based on the outcomes of the workshop TSG members will brainstorm possible project ideas in the forthcoming period.

WP1

WP1 DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION FORMATS TIMELINE AND MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF WP1

Activity 1.2:

- ✓ Capacity building workshops with all TSGs until April 2025
- ✓ TSG working reports on key strategic ideas (based on the outcomes of the workshops) May/June 2025
- ✓ Knowledge based report on established key strategic ideas June 2025

Activity 1.3:

- ✓ Manual to define a set of criteria for IFs and rules for the development of concept documents September/October 2025
- ✓ Pipeline of selected implementation formats September/October 2025
- Likely submission to the IPA ADRION call of certain number of enhanced and reviewed project proposals for Pillar 3 and 4 that are ready for submission June 2025 (much earlier than the planned deadline end of 2026).





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

