# pillar session TSG 3: sustainable use of coastal & marine resources for healthy future through green and smart recovery

# Environmental Quality (1,5 h)

# (date: tbd; time: tbd, venue: tbd)

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| ***Chair:******Mitja Bricelj,*** *Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, EUSAIR Pillar 3 Coordinator, Slovenia (5’)****Key note address: - each 5 min (20 min)**** ***Senad Oprašič,*** *Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, EUSAIR Pillar 3 Coordinator (5’)*

***Panellists:******TSG 3 – proposals:*** * ***Konrad Stania, Austrian Head of Mura Commission and Dragan Zeljko, Executive Secretary of ICSRB Blue and Green corridors in Danube RB****: Mura/Drava/Sava (10’ together)*
* ***Representatives of EC:*** *Role of MPAs and ecoconectivity in AIR for sustainable fishery and healthy Sea (5’)*
* ***dr. Alberto Barausse, Department of Biology, University of Padova, Italy and Liliana Vižintin, Science and researcg Center Koper, Slovenia:*** *Improving ecosystem quality and climate change resilience: A methodological proposal from the Italy-Slovenia Interreg Project Eco-Smart (5’)*
* ***Possible panellists:*** *Greece or Montenegro/Croatia representaives : Flagship projects for Smart sustainable small scale fishery and tourism as contribution for synergy of MPAs and green and blue corridors*
* ***Possible panellists:*** *Young generation for healthy coastal and marine future*
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***Possible themes:*** * ***Ecosystem services and goods in RBMP/MSP and role of Young generation***
* ***improving ecosystem and climate resilience***
* ***measures to enhance food and water security***
* ***Smart small scale fishery and sustainable tourism for healthy Sea***

*Discussion with the audience (Q&A) 30' (mandatory)* |

# scope and objective

This session will focus on the **importance of sustainable use of coastal & marine resources including blue and green corridors. To achieve this the panel will focus on strengthening the importance of marine protected areas (MPAs) in the Adriatic-Ionian Region (AIR). MPAs represent important ecosystems which significantly contribute: to the preservation of sensitive biodiversity in the whole AIR; to the improvement of food safety by decreasing pollution and increasing fish population and ensure a healthier life. MPAs are important also as incentive for identification and as contribution to new innovative MSP**.

The session aims to:

* Present the importance of MPAs for the quality of life in the AIR
* Present new tools that focus on MPAs and preservation of biodiversity in AIR
* The importance of MPAs on different areas of life (health, food, food industry, etc.)

# topics for discussion

* Will be defined by the topics of the speakers

# format

* **Opening by the Chair**
* **Key note address**
* **Short presentation of the topics by the panellists**
* **Discussion with the audience (Q&A)** *30' (mandatory) – COORDINATORS OF OTHER TSGs TO BE ESPECIALLY INVITIED TO COMMENT*
* **Conclusions by the Chair**