

RESULTS OF THE FIRST SCAN OF THE TSG PRIORITIES – FEEDBACK FROM COUNTRIES

TITLE Policy Objecti	ve Albania (18.10.20		Croatia (18.10.2019)	Greece (2.8.2019)	Italy (15.11.2019)	Montenegro (13.11.2019)	North Macedonia (18.11.2019)	Serbia (24.1.2020	Slovenia (17.10.2019)
technologies innovative ar transformation; (b) a greener, I promoting cle transition, gree the circular		but comment: al our s to understandin g is that the	Topic is in line with proposed Strategic objectives under draft of NDS 2030	The Greek authorities responsible for planning in the topics of this Pillar can include these topics priorities in the future programming and additionally make some proposals for changes based on the following remarks. Blue Technologies is a topic that can mainly be covered by R&D funding which in Greece is the competence of the General Secretariat for Research and Technology (GSRT) the authority also responsible for planning this sector for the next programming period. They seem to agree that the policy choices can be part of their priorities for the new P.A. 2021-27 and propose some extra points in the columns Justification and the one for tentative actions or projects to be considered.	These priorities are eligible under ERDF and ESF. In order to have a common understanding on how to operatively embed these priorities in the AP, it would be useful also to discuss in terms of fields of intervention. Several remarks on policy objectives and policy choices!	In line	Having in mind that as a country we are included in this activities at a later stage, and having in mind that we are landlocked country, It is considered that proposals in the priority list according to sections 2a – fisheries and 2b – aquaculture should be fully supported, especially projects and activities for illegal, unreported and unregulated fisheries and facilitation of trade in the macro region in the field of fisheries and projects involving landlocked countries in the field of aquaculture.	No comments on topic	SI: To be included in OP EMFF – European Maritime and Fisheries fund So far the SI Smart specialisation strategy does not include blue growth as a priority, so no OP ECP
 (b) A greener promoting transition, investmen economy, risk preve (e) A Europe fostering integrated 	, low-carbon Europe by clean and fair energy green and blue cts	but on	Topic is in line with proposed Strategic objectives under draft of NDS 2030. Priority actions: Identification of Fresh Fish Adriatic Ionian Value chain and creation of Fresh Fish Adriatic Ionian Hub Promotion of Fishing and Ichthyo Tourism	 (SPa) Modernisation of fishing vessels Innovation in fisheries (SPb) Modernisation of fishing vessels in order to increase energy efficiency and reducing CO2 emissions through replacement or modernisation of engines of fishing vessels (SPd) Development and implementation of a Union Fisheries Control System (Art.19) (SPf) Collection and processing of data for fisheries and aquaculture management and scientific purposes (Art. 20) Protection and restauration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems (Art.22) e.g construction, installation or modernization of static or movable facilities intended to protect and enhance marine fauna and flora, including their scientific preparation and evaluation - preparation, including studies, drawing-up, monitoring and updating of protection and management plans for 		In line		No comments on topic	 SI: ECP- PO – EMFF: All identified actions/priorities could be included in EMFF. Tentative possible actions or projects can be financed within the following EC Policy objectives (PO): PO 1; PO 2 and PO 4: Linking tourism, tourists and environment in order to develop sustainable tourism: SI: EC Policy Objective: PO 1 - Specific objective 1.1. or PO 2, Specific objective 2.7. or PO 4, Specific objective 4.4 (TBC in early 2020 after SWOT) Greening vessels, facilities and services SI: EC Policy Objective: PO 2, Specific objectives 2.2 Tentative possible actions or projects can be financed within the following EC Policy objectives (PO): PO 2, SO 2.7 Understanding Pollution Impacts, Mitigation, and Remediation in the



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				fishery-related activities relating to NATURA 2000 sites, Marine Protected Areas etc.			
2b - Aquaculture	 a) A smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation. (b) A greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management (e) A Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives. 	No comments on topic, but remarks on possible actions/proje cts	Topic is in line with proposed Strategic objectives under draft of NDS 2030 Priority actions: Identification of Aquaculture Adriatic Ionian Value chain and creation of Aquaculture Adriatic Ionian Hub	 Promotion of aquaculture activities, based on multiannual national strategic plans for the development of aquaculture (Art. 23) e.g. (SPa) Productive investments in aquaculture (SPa) Innovation in aquaculture (SPb) Investments in processing of fisheries and aquaculture products (SPb) Enhancement of Producer Organizations 		In line	
3 - Maritime and marine governance and services	 a) A smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation. b) A greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management. e) A Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives and with a more social Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights. 	No comments on topic, but remarks on possible actions/proje cts	Topic is in line with proposed Strategic objectives under draft of NDS 2030: Transition to a smart, circular and low-carbon society and Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship.	 (P3) Trans-regional cooperation between community-led local development (CLLD) strategies. (P4)Marine Knowledge: Actions aiming to collect, manage and use of data to improve knowledge on the state of the marine environment (Art. 27): e.g. Marine Spatial Planning Areas for Organized Development of Aquaculture Sites Marine surveillance (Art. 28): CISE (Common Information Sharing Environment) 	Additional specific objectives proposed: a4) developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship Field of intervention? Specific objective: 5.2) fostering the integrated social, economic and environmental local development, cultural heritage and security, including for rural and coastal areas also through community-led local development.	In line	
Harmonised, environment al-friendly and inclusive maritime transport system in the Adriatic- lonian Region	 Policy objective 2: a greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management Policy objective 3: a more connected Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity 	No comments on topic, but remarks on possible actions/proje cts	Topic is in line with proposed Strategic objectives under draft of NDS 2030: Developed, trusted and accessible to all digital society and the economy and Development of a sustainable, intelligent, secure and intermodal trans-European transport network		Is policy objective 2 really pertinent? Which specific objectives can be considered? (proposal C3) developing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal national, regional and local mobility, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility)	In line	In regards to the Competitive seamless intermodal connections for freight and passenger transport in the Adriatic-Ionian Region policy area which has macro-regional importance to the EUSAIR countries and should be in line with their nationa priorities. This is of particular importance when it comes to completition of functional transport network in the region, facilitation of the cross-border transport, enhancing of the physical and digita connectionsw between the logistic and urban nods in order to facilitate the exchange in the region, but likewise between the region and the EU. Having identified the multimoda corridors that belongs or are linked to the Adriatic-Ionian region, Corridor & and Corridor 10 should be taken into consideration, i.e. included in the list (so far being correlated with the Orient-East Med Corridor). In this case, the multimodal Corridor & would cover the segment from Skopje to the seaports in Albania, while in

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		Mediterranean Sea					
	No	SI: ECP- PO – EMFF					
	comments on topic	SI: EC Policy Objective: PO 1 - Specific objective 1.3.					
		 Support solutions for sustainable seafood production: 					
		- SI: EC Policy Objective:					
		PO 2 – Specific objective 2.7					
		Also could be included in EMFF					
	No	Governance of maritime space					
	comments on topic	Researches – that kind of activities can be financed through programmes like HORIZON					
mpetitive,	No	The priorities are in line with our strategic					
ections for port in the licy area, mportance nd should	comments on topic	documents and policies F. Tentative possible actions or projects within the ESIF Policy objective (PO) 3 - specific objective (SO) 3.2 and 3.3:					
national particular comes to transport ilitation of enhancing d digital ne logistic		Motorways of the sea (MoS): a concrete project is planned for improvement of port accessibility, supporting the MoS, removing bottlenecks on TEN-T network and improving maritime safety through ESIF – dredging of chanells. (PO 3 – SO 3.2)					
o facilitate gion, but on and the		Green Ports Development: in case of SI, the preliminary comments from EC were not in favour of funding port infrastructure from					
nultimodal e linked to Corridor 8 taken into		ESIF, therefore other financial sources will be sought for development of port infrastructure - CEF, Invest EU programme, loans.					
in the list with the). In this orridor 8 om Skopje a, while it		Safe, secure and connected maritime transport: SI will primarily seek financing for these measures through EMFF – European Maritime and Fisheries Fund or INTERREG ADRION. Some projects are already ongoing through ADRION. There is a possibility to					

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							should be decided how to observe		finance some actions (ICT) through ESIF
Competitive, seamless intermodal connections for freight and passenger transport in the Adriatic- lonian	Policy objective 3: a more connected Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity	No comments on topic, but remarks on possible actions/proje cts	Topic is in line with proposed Strategic objectives under draft of NDS 2030 Possible projects: Modernization and upgrading of maritime waterways and development of green	Possible actions or projects proposed under Policy objective 3 are in accordance with our national priorities. Moreover, they are eligible under the new Programme Period 2021 – 2027 and are consistent with the National Transport Plan for Greece.	PO added: c2)developing a sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent, secure and intermodal TEN-T	In line	the part of it that goes to the East towards Bulgaria (the relevance and the linkage to the EUSAIR. In regards to Corridor 10, it would include the 10-d branch to the seaports in Greece.	Topic is in line with proposed objectives under the draft Needs of RS for Internation	 Policy objective 1 - specific objective 1.2 . Actions or projects proposed under Policy objective 3 that are in accordance with SI national priorities: 1)EastAII multimodal corridor, however a reference to the ports Koper and Rijeka needs to be stressed out! (PO 3SO 3.2) 2)The multimodal corridor Ljubljana –
Region			and smart ports					al Assistance until 2025	Zagreb - Belgrade Proposals are eligible under the new Program Period 2021 – 2027 and are consistent with the National Transport Plan for Slovenia through concrete investments or studies. (PO 3- SO 3.2, 3.3.) Soft activities, such as administrative burdens, safety etc. should seek for financing under transnational and crossborder programmes.
Construction and establishmen t of a well- connected power system and well- functioning electricity market for the Adriatic- lonian Region.	Policy objective 2: a greener, low- carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management	No comments on topic, but remarks on possible actions/proje cts	Topic is in line with proposed Strategic objectives under draft of NDS 2030Possible projects: Advanced Network Development and Energy StorageConnected transmission systems in Croatia (islands + south) and with neighbouring countriesPromoting renewable energy and high efficiency cogenerationIncreasing energy efficiency in heating gridsE-mobility - electric stations, use of ING in transport as well as hydrogenUtilization of forest, agricultural and	 (1)The title (topic) could be rephrased in order to be more closely aligned with policy objective 2 and as discussed in the 10th TSG2 meeting as follows : "A greener, low-carbon and resilient Adriatic-lonian Macro-region". (2) Power links are ONLY eligible for EU co-financing in 2021-27 provided that electricity is generated through RES therefore we need to see this part very carefully (See Annex 1 COM(2018)375 final Intervention field no. 033: Smart Energy Distribution Systems at medium and low voltage levels (including smart grids and ICT systems) and related storage (3) Power market integration measures can possibly be co-financing cooperation with partners both within and outside the Member State Investment field no. 135: Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement territorial cooperation projects and initiatives in a cross-border, transnational, maritime and inter-regional context (4) The summary of policy choices should be based on the investment fields of COM(2018)375 final I in a 	The proposed thematic priorities are not eligible by ERDF	In line		Topic is in line with proposed objectives under the draft Needs of RS for Internation al Assistance until 2025	
Construction and establishmen t of an integrated natural gas infrastructur e and a well- functioning	Policy objective 2: a greener, low- carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management	What about having a greener energy generation, like renewables, which are in abundance in the Balkans and Adriatic,	aquaculture biomass to promote sustainable and circular bio-economy 2030: Promote energy transition and renewable energy sources	Similar manner with the other pillars Gas is not eligible for EU co-financing under CPR COM(2018) 375 final . It can remain as a priority if eligible under IPA III for IPA countries. (see thematic priorities for cross-border cooperation b and c , ANNEX III COM(2018) 465 final.		In line		in line	

gas market.		namely solar and wind? Gas is not renewable and							
Infrastruct. develop. for LNG logistics in the AI Region		not green.	Topic is in line with proposed Strategic objective under draft of NDS 2030	LNG is not eligible for EU co-financing under CPR COM(2018) 375 final. It can remain as a priority if eligible under IPA III for IPA countries. (see thematic priorities for cross-border cooperation b and c , ANNEX III COM(2018) 465 final).		In line		in line	This kind of investments are not foreseen to be financed through ESIF in SI as they are not eligible.
Promotion of sust. growth of the Al region by implement. ICZM and MSP also to contribute Common Regional Framework on ICZM of Barcelona convention and the monitoring and managem.of marine protected area.	The priority is in line with the policy objective art 4.1. b) a greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management (additional explanation article 2 of EC Proposal on the ERDF+CF regulation COM (2018) 372: ('PO 2') and e) a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives (additional explanation article 2 of EC Proposal on the ERDF+CF regulation COM (2018) 372: ('PO 5')	No comments on topic, but remarks on possible actions/proje cts	Topic is in line with proposed Strategic objective under draft of NDS 2030	The Greek authorities responsible for planning in this sector can include these topics priorities in the future programming and make some proposals for changes (see GR feedback table).	This priority is too vague to be embedded into mainstream programme. Actually. Almost all the project identified in the next column are ETC projects. Can we agree that this priority should be related mainly to ETC? Otherwise, embedding requires that the concept of MSP and ICZM is translated in terms of field of intervention that can be funded by mainstream programmes. Possible fields of intervention proposed.	In line	North Macedonia is not a signatory of the mentioned Convention. Nonetheless, they are actively included in the processes of its implementation in accordance to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC, having river Vardar (Axios) flowing into the Aegean sea and river Crni drim (Drim) flowing into the Ionian sea. In addition, it would be beneficial for us to be included in projects dedicated to climate changes adaptation and risks mitigation, involvement of the public, transparency of the policy definition processes linked to the territorial planning, risk management, improvement of the quality of the water, reducing of sea pollution etc.	No comments	Tentative possible actions or projects can be financed within the following EC Policy objectives (PO): PO 2, Specific objective 2.7 and possibly in PO 5, Specific objective 5.2 Possible actions or project could also seek funding out of SI under LIFE Programme or Interreg Programmes.
Development and implementati on of Adriatic- Ionian Sub/regional Oil spill contingency plan.	The priority is in line with the policy objective art 4.1. b) a greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management (additional explanation article 2 of EC Proposal on the ERDF+CF regulation COM (2018) 372: ('PO 2') and e) a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives (additional explanation article 2 of EC Proposal on the ERDF+CF regulation COM (2018) 372: ('PO 5')		Topic is in line with proposed Strategic objective under draft of NDS 2030 Possible project: Geohazards in the Adriatic coast for land use planning and climate change resilience	The Greek authorities responsible for planning in this sector can include these topics priorities in the future programming.	ERASED PO e) a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives (additional explanation article 2 of EC Proposal on the ERDF+CF regulation COM (2018) 372: ('PO 5') Fields of intervention proposed.	In line		No comments	Tentative possible actions or projects can be financed within the following EC Policy objectives (PO): PO 2, Specific objective 2.4
Protection and enhancemen t of natural terrestrial habitats and ecosystems.	The priority is in line with the policy objective art 4.1. b) a greener, low-carbon Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management (additional explanation article 2 of EC Proposal on the ERDF+CF regulation COM (2018) 372: ('PO 2') and e) a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives (additional explanation article 2 of EC Proposal on the ERDF+CF regulation COM (2018)	No comments on topic, but remarks on possible actions/proje cts	Topic is in line with proposed Strategic objectives under draft of NDS 2030 Possible project: Adriatic Ionian Region without fire - mitigation and adjustment to climate changes in the Karst forest areas	Aligned to the policy objective 2.	ERASED PO e) a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives (additional explanation article 2 of EC Proposal on the ERDF+CF regulation COM (2018) 372: ('PO 5') Fields of intervention proposed.	In line		In line	Possible projects under this topic could seek financing opportunities under LIFE Programme. Tentative possible actions or projects can be possibly financed within the following EC Policy objectives (PO): PO 2, Specific objective 2.7

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Sustainable valorisation, preservation and promotion of natural and cultural assets as growth assets in the Adriatic- Ionian area for tourism purposes	 (e) 'a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives' ('PO 5') (c) a more connected Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity; 	Capitalization on agreed cross-pillar projects remarks on possible actions/proje cts	Topic is in line with proposed Strategic objective under draft of NDS 2030 Possible projects: Creation of IT platform for Cultural tourism	The Greek authorities responsible for planning in this sector can include these topics priorities in the future programming and make some proposals for changes as well as the following remarks: "Protection, development and promotion of public tourism assets and related tourism services" and "Protection, development and promotion of cultural heritage and cultural services" and corresponding actions that fall under those intervention fields are eligible under PO 5 s integrated territorial development strategies Capitalization on agreed cross-pillar projects Proposal to rename the topic: Sustainable growth and promotion of natural and cultural assets as growth factors in the Adriatic-lonian area for sustainable cultural and tourism development for tourism purposes	Can we agree that the proposed priorities can be more properly be funded by ETC?	In line		In line	Tentative possible actions or projects can be financed within the following EC Policy objectives (PO): PO 1 - specific objective (SO) 1.3 PO 2 - SO 2.6 and SO 2.7 PO 3 - SO 3.3 PO 5 - SO 5.1 and SO 5.2 *Adding possibly significant actions: - PO 2 - SO 2.1 (energy renovation of cultural heritage buildings) - PO 2 - SO 2.4 (protection and rescue of cultural heritage; consequences of natural and other disasters) ** Recalling the absence of cultural heritage measures under Objective 4.
Development of sustainable and thematic routes (with additional emphasis on routes based on Adriatic- ionian cultural and natural heritage)	 (e) 'a Europe closer to citizens by fostering the sustainable and integrated development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives' ('PO 5') (c) a more connected Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity; 	Capitalization on agreed cross-pillar projects remarks on possible actions/proje cts in terms that multi- countries projects are welcomed have but to be closely coordinated with IPA National programmes	Topic is in line with proposed Strategic objective under draft of NDS 2030Possible project: DevelopmentDevelopmentof Competence Centre for smart tourism solutions Creation of effective AIR Health Tourism Value Chain Creation of effective AIR Gourmet Tourism Value Chain and promotion of Local Productive System	intervention fields are eligible under PO 5 s integrated territorial development strategies Capitalization on agreed cross-pillar	Can we agree that the proposed priorities can be more properly be funded by ETC?	In line	In regards to the topic Sustainable valorisation, preservation and promotion of natural and cultural assets as growth assets in the Adriatic-Ionian area for tourism purposes, we would like to propose for alternative forms of tourism to be added to the list of indicative actions of the projects. In regards to the topis Development of sustainable and thematic routes (with additional emphasis on routes based on Adriatic-Ionian cultural and natural heritage), we would like to propose for Via Egnatia to be added to the list of indicative actions of the projects.	In line	Tentative possible actions or projects can be financed within the following EC Policy objectives (PO): PO 1 - specific objective (SO) 1.3 PO 2 - SO 2.7 PO 5 - SO 5.1 and SO 5.2

Greece additional proposal on ENERGY:

Promoting energy efficiency and clean energy use (also in transport) in the Adriatic-Ionian Region	clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the	 Under Policy objective 2: Energy efficiency and demonstration projects in SMEs and supporting measures (Intervention field no. 024) Energy efficiency renovation of existing housing stock, demonstration projects and supporting measures (Intervention field no. 025 CPR COM(2018)375 final Annex 1) Energy efficiency renovation of public infrastructure, demonstration projects and supporting measures (Intervention field no. 026 CPR COM(2018)375 final Annex 1) 	The building stock in the Adriatic-Ionian macro-region is aged with many public, residential and commercial buildings with no or very low levels of thermal protection. High priority investment needs are identified to promote energy efficiency measures, in particular: enhance the energy efficiency of public buildings, private/ residential buildings and small and medium sized enterprises and installations. Electrification of transport (both land and maritime) and electromobility remains poorly developed in the Adriatic-Ionian Region. A high priority need is to promoting clean energy use and alternative fuels use for transport in Adriatic-Ionian ports and cities.	
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promote cold-ironing facilities in harbours.

promote use of alternative fuels for transport

romote electromobility

As proposed here by the authority responsible for the planning of this sector for the next p.p., an additional policy choice for investment in energy efficiency and clean energy use in transport could be included under the energy subpillar

 Support to enterprises that provide services contributing to the low carbon economy and to resilience to climate change (Intervention field no. 027 CPR COM(2018)375 final Annex 1) 	
Under Policy objective 3	
Clean urban transport infrastructure (Intervention field no. 073)	
Clean urban transport rolling stock (Intervention field no. 074)	
Alternative fuels infrastructure (Intervention field no. 077)	