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**10th Meeting of the Thematic Steering Group
for Pillar 2 (TSG2) Connecting the Region
Rome, 11-12 April 2019**

MINUTES AND OPERATIONAL CONCLUSIONS

- Venue:** Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers - via della Mercede, 96 – Rome, Italy
- Chairs:** Transport Coordinators: Mr Pierluigi Coppola (Italy, Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport) and Ms Jasmina Radonjić (Republic of Serbia, Ministry for Construction, Transport and Infrastructure).
Energy Networks Coordinators: Mr Sergio Garribba (Italy, Ministry of Economic Development), Ms Mirjana Filipović (Republic of Serbia, State Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Mining), and Serbian Deputy Coordinator Biljana Ramic (Republic of Serbia, Ministry of Energy and Mining).
- Participants:** EUSAIR Thematic Steering Group 2 (TSG2) Members (Transport and Energy Networks Sub-Groups), Representatives of the European Commission (DG REGIO, and DG MOVE in conference call), EUSAIR Italian National Coordinator and Deputy National Coordinator (Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers), Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, TSG2 Technical Support Unit (Friuli Venezia Giulia Region), representatives of EUSAIR Facility Point Strategic Project, respectively Lead Partner (Government Office for Development and European Cohesion-Slovenia), Serbian Partner (Ministry of European Integration), Italian Partners (Marche Region, Abruzzo Region), Manager of EUSAIR Facility Point+, ADRION Joint Secretariat (in conference call), Facility Point Project Coordinator's Transport Technical Assistants.

MINUTES

The 10th TSG2 two-day Meeting is convened to begin with a plenary session followed by two parallel sessions of the Subgroups on Transport and Energy Networks. A final plenary session concludes the Meeting.

Representatives of **seven** (out of 8) EUSAIR Countries attend the **Transport Sub-Group Meeting** (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia) whereas the representatives of **six** (out of 8) EUSAIR Countries attend the **Energy Networks Sub-Group Meeting** (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia). Apologies are received from the Croatian representatives that cannot attend due to unforeseen travel difficulties. Representatives of the Italian Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport and the Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers are present as well. The list of participants is attached.

PLENARY SESSION

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Italian National Coordinator welcomes the participants while reminding the importance of addressing EUSAIR macro-regional strategy into national and regional programming and at EU-level. Mr Nicola Favia as the National Italian Coordinator of EUSAIR highlights the matching of common projects and priorities between two or more countries to make a sensible macro-regional strategy: this is the challenge that large and small countries should pursue within their budget limitations. The recommendation is to select feasible and effective macro-regional priorities areas and emblematic projects, to be included in the next programming period as requested by the EUSAIR Governing Board in accordance with paragraph 6 of the Catania Declaration of May 2018.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The draft Agenda is formally adopted by all participants.

3. Formal adoption of the Minutes and Operational Conclusions of the 9th TSG2 Meeting, Belgrade 14-15 November 2018

Pillar Coordinators remind that the Minutes including Operational Conclusions of the previous TSG2 Meeting have been circulated and approved by written procedure and are now formally adopted by the TSG2. The 14 points of the Operational Conclusions are highlighted while quoting results. The Sub-group Pillar Coordinators introduce current advances of (and the deviations from) the Operational Conclusions on transport and energy networks respectively, which will be subject of the work of Transport and Energy Networks Sub-Groups, including the cross-pillar project ideas submitted to the Facility Point Plus (FPP).

4. Update on EUSAIR Progress

Pillar Coordinators intervene to inform TSG2 members on the main outcomes of the following events:

a) Technical Meeting of TSGs Coordinators (Bruxelles, 20 February 2019) and 9th Meeting of Governing Board (Bruxelles, 20-21 February 2019)

The Pillar Coordinators inform participants about the issues which were raised and discussed during the two Meetings. The first one is lack of participation in TSGs Meetings, particularly last minute cancellations of previously confirmed participation. It was recalled that in case quorum is not granted no decisions can be made, which means loss of money, effort and time of those present. Presence of EC at the Meetings is desirable. It is once again recalled that in case TSGs Members are not able to attend the Meetings, empowered deputies should take care of information/communication flow within EUSAIR instead of them. Empowered deputies should be appointed for all Pillar Coordinators and TSG Members. National Coordinators' assistance is also desirable to support TSGs and ensure participation of their national Members, especially in case of institutional difficulties, since financial aspects are covered by EUSAIR Facility Point. Regarding the latter, a need for better coordination between National Project Partners and TSG Members is pointed out. FP Lead Partner informed about the preparation of Modus Operandi, a document to guide key implementers and Facility Point through the work process with explanations of who does what and how – roles and responsibilities of all involved, including the so called code of ethics. Timetables of TSG meetings was pointed out too. A recommendation is given to plan meetings mid-day to mid-day, which allows option to extend the meetings to the evening in case this is necessary. Finally



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the Matrix prepared by TSG3, for which Pillar 2 has already sent a written comments since the first round of consultation among the Governing Board and afterwards, was discussed once again with a view of the FPP project proposals to be submitted.

b) Follow-up actions in response to the request from EUSAIR Ministers under Paragraph 6 of the Catania Ministerial Declaration: Discussion Paper of EU Commission-DGREGIO and process for the identification of selected priorities and pilot projects

The Italian National Coordinator, Mr Nicola Favia, is stressing the need of transforming paragraph 6 of the Catania Declaration into concrete actions. He is noting the importance of presenting macro-regional priorities that could be included in the next programming period 2021-2027 including, if possible, strong project proposal of strategic macro-regional relevance, agreed between all EUSAIR countries, and not only governed nationally or regionally. DG REGIO agrees on the statement.

This is one of the challenges of the current TSG2 meeting, considering the deadline (15 April) for proposing a set of macro-regional priorities and possible “pilot/emblematic projects” to EUSAIR GB.

c) Montenegro Presidency and All Chairmanship Round Table “Connectivity of the ports and monitoring of maritime traffic” (Budva, 24 April 2019)

Montenegro TSG2 Members invite all TSG2 to participate in the Round Table that is confirmed to be held in Budva on 24 April and inform that EUREKA2 project proposal for the upcoming 3rd ADRIAN call has been included as one of the topics that would be discussed.

d) 4th EUSAIR Annual Forum (Budva, 6-8 May 2019)

DGREGIO takes the floor to inform on the EUSAIR Annual Forum that will take place in Budva from 6 to 8 May. Two thematic Sessions on energy and transport have been scheduled. Session title, and main objectives proposal of speakers, topics, should be sent to the Montenegro Presidency. These issues are going to be discussed separately by each TSG2 Sub-Group.

5. Actions to be taken with regard to the EUSAIR Facility Point Strategic Project and Facility Point Plus

a) Overall update

Assistance regarding travel and accommodation is well functioning, as well as support in thematic events and workshops at national and macro-regional level, the project foresees also support to Pillar Coordinators, project ideas development, building capacities for monitoring and evaluation, engaging stakeholders and communication. The Coordinators remind that the Facility Point is expected also to support TSG's in generating and better defining of project ideas for aimed at implementing EUSAIR Strategy. Pillar 2 is supported by FP Project Partner Regione Marche.

b) State of play concerning Work Package T1 (Assistance to TSG2), Work Package T2 (Facilitating project development and financial dialogue), Work package T3 (Building capacities in monitoring and evaluation of EUSAIR) of Facility Point project and Work Package T4 (Stakeholders platform): state of the art for Pillar 2.

- WPT1(technical assistance): The FP Project Partner Marche Region introduces the technical assistants for the Transport Sub-Group (TPLAN and FIT Consulting). Procurement procedures have been initiated and preparation is ongoing for the technical assistance to the Energy Network Sub-Group.



- WPT2 (Projects of macroregional relevance): TSG2 Members express the need to agree on guidelines to engage experts to evaluate the mono-pillar project proposals.
- WPT3 (monitoring): a more clear picture on methodology, procedures and timeline is requested by some Members. Serbian Pillar Coordinator is asking for deadlines to establish monitoring system and to cover gaps on monitoring methodology. TSG2 Technical Support Unit recalls the ESPON tool developed to monitor macro-regional strategies. It seems that ongoing approaches, having different goals, should be taken in to account. On the same point, the Serbian Transport Pillar Coordinator reminds that monitoring indicators have to be the same in each country and have to be collected by every country. Energy Networks Coordinator remarks that – as long as the indicators have no weight – no clear priorities can be proposed. Thus it is not clear which is the main purpose envisaged and the financing instrument for monitoring. TSG2 Members request to better understand the process foreseen within WP3 to be carried out by specific appointed/designated experts, which requests the FP to circulate the outcome of a Workshop recently held in Athens in the framework of WPT3 activities, with additional documentation on the scope of EUSAIR monitoring.

In parallel, the monitoring phase on “labelled” project ideas / proposals, including cross-pillar projects ideas submitted under the FPP, will continue. Transport Sub-Group Members are invited to continue using of the ad hoc template for submitting information with regard to the already labelled projects and measures as well as new ideas and proposals they may wish to put forward. Close consultation with Sub-Group Members will continue.

- WPT4 (Stakeholder platform): The Italian Transport Coordinator reminds that the stakeholder platform had been presented at the Governing Board meeting in Brussels. The guidelines of the stakeholder platform are online and available to partners. The Facility Point is entitled to filter all the material received for the platform, provided that only the key implementers (Facility Point partners) are involved in the present first phase, and all stakeholders will be involved in a second phase. The platform features (including privacy issues) will be showed in EUSAIR Forum in Budva. Facility Point Italian Partner (Marche Region), taking the leading role establishing the platform, focuses on the importance of the Facility Point stakeholder platform, as it has to be beneficial to every partner and stakeholder. Moreover, Marche Region reminds the impossibility to match the deadlines set in April 2018 on the accomplishment of the platform. Italian TSG2 Coordinators insist on the fact that the platform should be a concrete and effective tool to be shaped in accordance to clear objectives and responsibility for each layer of competence. It is proposed that TSG2 identifies two “focal points” (one for Transport, one for Energy Networks), as reference persons that will interact with FP Regione Marche in order to: 1) filter all the material received and to be published on the platform; 2) identify the stakeholders to be involved in a second phase; 3) identify and organise training events.

c) State of play concerning the Facility Point Plus (interpillar project ideas)

Facility Point Plus Manager inform that six Cross-Pillar project ideas were received, among which, three involving TSG2 (i.e. STETAI, WAI-TP, ADRIONCYCLETOUT). Next step is the eligibility check of the submitted project ideas, based on the criteria defined in the latest version of Guidance note, such as macro-regional character and pillars involved in each project idea. FPP would support project preparation by means of the engagement of experts that will be procured through a tender to be launched by the Facility Point Plus Management and to be



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published on the EUSAIR website. The project preparation has to be completed within December 2019, unless the deadline would be extended.

FPP manager informs that capacity building programme should be deployed by all partners to identify a module per each country. At this date, capacity building modules have been organised in Slovenia and Serbia only. Open call for study visits to support TSG Members would be launched in June.

d) Internal and external Communication

The Facility Point partnership, in cooperation with PCs, TSG members and national Coordinators prepared the Annual Activity Plan 2019 which includes more than 100 events. The number of event is very ambitious, a smart coordination is needed to merge some events. It The Communication plan for 2019 was prepared as well. The Facility Point Newsletter will be published approximately every 4 months to provide information.

TSG2 SUB-GROUP ON TRANSPORT

1. Introduction

The Coordinators of the Transport Sub-Group present the draft Agenda for the Meeting and the documents to be discussed. The draft Agenda is approved.

2. EUSAIR Pillar 2 labelled projects: state of implementation of already labelled projects

TSG2 Transport Sub-Group Members discuss the relevant updates of labelled projects (see Annex 5), updated at April 2019.

Each Member responsible as agreed for monitoring each project, reported on progresses with the following relevant comments:

- DG REGIO comments on project 31 (Improvement of the connections between the Po river navigation network and the Adriatic Sea): the aim is to ensure navigation from Piedmont to Trieste through Po River. 600 Meuro are required to ensure the free flow navigation. Other activities are ongoing, partly financed.

The Italian Coordinator reports on projects 28 and 29 (Multimodal Northern Adriatic Corridor and Multimodal Central Adriatic Corridor): they have to be considered as inter-connected projects related to the proposal of extension of the multimodal TEN-T Baltic-Adriatic Corridor from Ancona to Bari. No progress on this respect, has been achieved so far. The Friuli Venezia Giulia Region (as representative of the Italian Interregional coordination) reports briefly about all the labelled projects coming from the Italian interregional system. More specifically some updating concerns:

- Project 35 (Sea Lighthouse -Fari di Mare *Sustainable Extension of Adriatic Sea-TRansports in Hinterland Areas*): part of the overall more comprehensive project proposal (umbrella), aimed at developing an AI sustainable touristic mobility from sea to hinterland, have been submitted as strategic proposal under the 4th Call for Strategic Projects of Interreg Greece-Italy 2014/2020, and recently approved for funding (the project approved is "AI SMART- Adriatic Ionian Small Port Network"). The final objective is to enlarge this bilateral approach to the other AI Countries, especially including also Albania, Montenegro and Croatia Partners.
- Project 3 (ADRIPASS financed under Interreg ADRION Programme): the project was invited to participate in an INTERACT workshop in Bruxelles in February 2019. The project activities go on. Data collection process is going to be completed on the basis



of the pre-identified main logistic nodes and Border Cross Points along the TEN-T corridor sections in the AI area. This output may be valuable for EUSAIR Transport Sub-Group tasks and activities. Pilot activities are under implementation (Ports of Koper, Ploče, Durrës, Bar, Region of Thesprotia/Igoumenitsa) and expected to be concluded by July 2019.

- Project 32 (ADRIOCYRO) has been updated in the perspective to be more extensively extended consisting in a cycling route running along the coast of the entire AI basin from Italy (all the involved Regions) to Greece and including its main cycle connections to the hinterland areas of the eight EUSAIR countries (inland network). It is proposed to be developed also in a Cross-Pillar perspective (AI cycle route for sustainable tourism).

The Greek representative makes an update with regard to projects involving Greece, in particular project 21 (ADRIETA-Adriatic/Ionian Multimodal Corridor) whose concept is currently discussed also under the framework of NEWBRAIN (*project proposed for labelling*).

The representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina updates on project 16 (Reconstruction and upgrading of functional facilities in the Port of Brčko): the project is progressing slowly.

The Slovenian representative updates on the following projects:

- Project 14 (2nd Railway track Divača – Port of Koper): no major updates on the project.
- Project 40 (Pier I Port of Koper): the project to upgrade the Pier I at the Port of Koper (also financed by CEF programme) is progressing steadily.
- Projects 41, 42 (Basin II, Basin III Port of Koper): no updates so far.
- Project 43 (Upgrade of VTS centre at SMA) is in implementation phase in line with the schedule.

The Serbian Pillar Coordinator updates on the following projects:

- Project 10 (Preparation of project documentation for the construction of highway E-761 Pozega-Uzice-Kotroman (Bosnia and Herzegovina border) –Visegrad /SEETO Route 3): the project is progressing, together with the negotiation with the Turkish company Tasyapi regarding further implementation of the project;
- Project 12 (Reconstruction and modernization of railway line Beograd Bar (E79)): the project is progressing, financed by EIB and Serbian Government. Negotiations ongoing for a Russian loan;
- Project 37 (Preparation of project documentation for construction of highway E-763 Pozega-Boljare (Montenegro Border) -Bar: the project is progressing together with the negotiation with a Chinese company to finance the construction;
- Project 38 (Reconstruction and modernization of railway line Beograd-Zagreb): the design financed by WBIF TA is ongoing, part of the MoU between Serbia and Croatia;
- Project 39 (Construction of motorway Niš-Merdere-Priština): the design is ongoing, financed by WBIF TA. The application for financing works in the WBIF framework has been approved.

The Coordinator reminds that the Adriatic-Ionian highway/expressway (project 11) had been “labelled” as project of strategic relevance for all the countries of the region. At the moment, there are some progresses on the feasibility study of the cross-border section between Albania and Montenegro. These are described by the Montenegro representative.

Members are recommended to think of bundling projects by geographical areas, scope and topic, in order to create “clusters” of actions/interventions of macro-regional relevance.

3. EUSAIR Pillar 2 labelled projects: proposals of projects to be labelled

Two new project proposals are received for labelling.

The Slovenian representative presents the proposal “Port electrification - providing electricity to ships while berthing at port of Koper”, for which the feasibility study was already completed. The collaboration of shipping lines connecting more than one port in the region is necessary, as we need to replicate the project in other countries of the EUSAIR macro-region to achieve the economic feasibility, since there is no obligation for shipping lines to use electricity in ports. The project would trigger the debate on making the use of electricity compulsory, in ports where such facilities are available. Slovenia announced the opportunity to present the proposal as a cross-pillar project (if the deadline issued by FPP will be prolonged in the future).

Marche and Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, on behalf of the Italian Interregional System, presents the ongoing Interreg ADRION Project “NEWBRAIN” as a proposal for labelling. The discussion is focused on the macro-regional relevance of the project (meeting of the general and specific criteria) and on the fact that it is an ongoing one, which would imply an “ex-post labelling”.

The TSG2 Sub-Group approves the labelling of the Koper port electrification project (i.e. the labelled-project no.46). As concerns the NEWBRAIN project, proposed for labelling as well, it is asked to reformulate the template with more information, emphasizing the macro-regional relevance of the project, in order to enable the decision on the possible approval as labelled project.

4. Towards the Development of the Masterplan of Transport for the Adriatic-Ionian Region

The Masterplan of Transport for the Adriatic-Ionian Region has been confirmed, in previous TSG2 Meetings, as main Pillar 2 (Transport sub-group) strategic project to be developed. TSG2 Members had been invited to provide inputs concerning respective National Transport Plans.

The Italian Coordinator shows a presentation (Annex 6) on the outcome of a Technical Study co-financed by the European Commission through the CEF Programme, aimed at analysing synergies and gaps among the TEN-T Core Network Corridors and the potential EUSAIR project pipeline. The study is focused on the “Analysis of Core Network Corridors extension to Western Balkans taking into account the EUSAIR framework”. The presentation was the base for further discussion.

Slovenia commented on the outdated strategic documents for Slovenia referred to in the presentation and reminded on the possibility that changes in priorities at national level would have impact at macro-regional level and requested an update of PPT on the basis of the Transport Development Strategy of the Republic of Slovenia Until 2030 and the corresponding Resolution on the National Programme for the Development of Transport in the Republic of Slovenia until 2030 which were sent to the TSG2 Transport coordinator as requested and are also published on the Slovenian Ministry of Infrastructure website. Italy representative agrees, mentioning the new annex (“Allegato Infrastrutture”) to the Economy and Finance Programming Document (DEF 2019), which may include changes affecting macro-regional projects.

The representative of the Greek Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport announces that the National Transport Plan is going to be finalised in 2019. National Logistics Plan will be finalised in 2020.

The presentation will be circulated, the Italian Ministry of Transport and Infrastructures will collect comments on the vision and priority projects from the national plans, in time for presenting the updated version during the session to be organised at the EUSAIR Forum in Budva.

5. EUSAIR Annual Forum - Parallel Session “How the EUSAIR can contribute to the extension of the TEN-T networks towards south-east Europe: challenges for the EUSAIR transport masterplan and future steps”

Transport Sub-Group Members are asked to provide their contribution on the topic proposed for the Transport thematic Session and to propose panellists.

DG MOVE (Mr Baron, in conference call) reminds that SEETO has paved the way for the TEN-T extension that now has a legal basis and he stresses on the importance to include maritime dimension, that is not sufficiently covered by existing financing programmes. Inland navigation and terminals should not be disregarded in the panel, to enlighten their role in ensuring multimodality and hinterland transport from seaports.

Italy supports DG MOVE’s statement, reminding that – whereas the TEN-T Network extension to WB is now approved, the extension of TEN-T Corridors in the EUSAIR region and Western Balkans is still subject to discussion and proposals.

Greece suggests to extend the scope to links to Black Sea, to have a wider picture of EUSAIR macro-region.

The Coordinators agree with DG MOVE view, reminding that one of the main objectives of the Master Plan is contributing to the EC work to identify relevant projects and priorities for the extension of the TEN-T to South-East Europe. Mr Baron is invited to give a keynote speech on TEN-T Network extension and on SEETO plan at the Forum.

The Slovenian representative proposes to include ideas on greening ports and alternative fuels and electric transport in the panel, reminding the trans-national dimension of the topic.

DG REGIO stressed the necessity to identify the message to communicate in the session, before identifying speakers: the session should express that countries are not isolated, but work within an existing macro-regional framework, which is EUSAIR.

The Coordinators agree with DG REGIO, outlining the importance of communicating the goal of the Master Plan in identifying projects that are coherent in the infrastructure framework.

The Coordinators would circulate a proposal of panelists including representative of the European Commission (DG MOVE, DG NEAR), the Transport Community Treaty, International Financial institutions, experts in the field of transport and energy networks.

The necessity to re-schedule the Transport Thematic Session, in parallel to the Energy Thematic Session, is also discussed. Transport Pillar Coordinators would explore the possibility with the Montenegro Presidency to have Pillar sessions (Transport and Energy networks) in sequence and not in parallel.

6. Proposals for one or two macro-regional priorities/pilot emblematic projects to be included in the 2021-2027 ESI Partnership Agreements and IPA III programming framework

The discussion is opened by Coordinators reminding that, the macro-regional priorities have to meet the criteria foreseen in the Position Paper (Annex 7) by the EUSAIR GB on the implementation of Paragraph 6 of the “Catania Declaration”. Following on the preliminary proposals of Pillar Coordinators, the discussion focused on maritime dimension and intermodality. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Serbia agree with the two priorities,



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that are in line with the National Transport Strategy. The representative of the Greek Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport suggests to add connectivity to other countries and to islands, to integrate the general priority of ensuring reliable transport networks and intermodal connections.

Discussion ends with two macro-regional priority areas approved by the Transport sub-group:

- *“Harmonised, environmental-friendly and inclusive maritime transport system in the Adriatic-Ionian Region”;*
- *“Competitive, seamless intermodal connections for freight and passenger transport in the Adriatic-Ionian Region”.*

The discussion continues on the proposal of “pilot/emblematic projects” having macro-regional relevance. The Italian Coordinator opens the discussion reminding that no specific guidelines is available to identify emblematic projects, and no clue about the way to define a “project”. As a preliminary proposal, the Coordinator proposes the following guidelines to identify emblematic projects:

- the enhancement of Motorways of the Sea role in Adriatic-Ionian region;
- the extension of Mediterranean Corridor from Koper to Greece along the Eastern Coast of Adriatic (road);
- the extension of Baltic-Adriatic Corridor between Ancona and Bari, (rail);
- the bundling of connections between the two sides of Adriatic in a single corridor, connected also with Bar-Belgrade connection, Zagreb-Rijeka/Koper connection, and Belgrade-Zagreb reconstructed railway, as part of the SEETO Corridor X.

Slovenia representative requested to provide give written feedback in a short time as requested by Pillar Coordinators.

Greek representative declares that proposed fit with priorities and suggests to exploit the momentum to present them as extensions of current TEN-T Corridors.

After the discussion, it is agreed that Pillar coordinators will circulate immediately to all the Sub-Group members a proposal of pilot emblematic projects to be approved via written procedure urgently in order to allow the transmission of the TSG2 contribution before 15 April.

7. EUSAIR Facility Point Strategic Project – WP T2 state of play

The Coordinators propose that budget of the EUSAIR Facility Point Strategic Project – WP T2 for the engagement of an external expertise supporting the action of Pillar 2 would be devoted to studies functional to the development of the Master Plan. The appointment of one single external expertise will speed up the process, although the minimum time required for the tender is 180 days. The other possible opportunity is to split the budget and appoint more than one expert, by topic (e.g. ports development and shipping, terrestrial network development, intermodality).

The Coordinators will circulate a proposal of budget allocation and a draft of ToR, and invited the FP Country partner (Regione Marche) to be ready to launch the tender within WPT2.

9. Towards the 2nd call for proposals of ADRION Programme: state of play under Priority Axis 3. “Connected Region”

The representative of the ADRION JS (via conference call) informs briefly about the state of play and the timing of the upcoming call on the two selected topics for the Priority Axis 3 “Connected Region”, approved by ADRION Monitoring Committee:

- *“Development of joint approaches and instruments in the field of maritime transport, such as a modern ship reporting system in the Adriatic Sea (Common Adriatic-Ionian*



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Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Information System ADRIREP), motorways of the sea and related ITS (Intelligent Transport System)”;

- *“Capitalization of technology innovation applied to integrated environmental-friendly and multimodal mobility services/structures addressed to cities and functional urban areas”.*

The Call will be launched at Budva ADRIION Event on 6 May. TSG2 Transport Sub-Group is asked to participate in the 2nd **ADRIION annual event** to contribute with two keynote-addresses on the topics of the call related to axis 3.

Budget is likely enough to fund one project per topic, and the foreseen project duration is 30 months. Enhanced competition is expected.

As concerns the content, the call will specify actions expected for each topic (i.e. some strategic and relevant activities will be compulsory within the project).

The call will be a strategic one. The partnership shall include minimum 6 PP (one per each country), max 16 PP, balanced both geographically and by expertise. Partners will be: Public Authorities and public law bodies (which can act as financing partners). Lead Partner must be located in ERDF countries. As concerns the city transport topic, the Committee has identified the list of cities eligible to join a consortium. National information events will be decided with the NCPs.

TSG2 SUB-GROUP ON ENERGY NETWORKS

1. Introduction

The Coordinators of the Energy Networks Sub-Group present the draft Agenda for the Meeting and the documents to be discussed. The draft Agenda is approved.

2. Implementation of the open list of 10 EUSAIR-labelled projects for energy networks and monitoring

The background document “Implementation of the Open List of 10 EUSAIR-labelled Projects for Energy Networks and Monitoring” is presented by the two Sub-Groups Coordinators. There is the need to establish a relation whenever feasible, between the projects and measures which have been presented by the Sub-Group Members and given the EUSAIR label on one hand, and the Initial Open List of 10 EUSAIR-labelled Projects and Measures for Energy Networks on the other.

Two elements are deserving attention in this respect. First, several projects and measures contained in the Initial Open List of 10 EUSAIR-labelled Projects and Measures appear to be clusters of projects and measures. Precisely, several Initial Projects and Measures include a variety of single projects and measures all referred to the same large infrastructure or facility or activity regarding energy networks. This concept of clusters of projects and measures should receive attention while collecting and re-ordering the information.

Second, for each project it should be made clear which is the Lead Country (or which are the entities) presenting the project while being liable for the information received, for its updating and monitoring. Indeed information regarding quite a few projects or measures appears rather scattered and quite often essential data are missing.

Moreover, some amongst the projects and measures contained in the Initial Open List appear either outdated or in need of better definition. This is the case of Project no. 4 entitled “EUSAIR



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Strategy for Sustainable Power 2030". It is agreed it would be much better to replace this project by a project like "Master Plan for Energy Networks and Outlook for the EUSAIR". Such a project concept was discussed during the previous 9th TSG2 Meeting, though some Sub-Group Members expressed their reservations. During the 9th TSG2 Meeting it was concluded as said in the minutes, that "the idea of a Master Plan for energy networks should deserve attention and work with a view at requests which might come from the EUSAIR Governing Board and policy makers". Conversely it can be noted that the development of a Master Plan for Transport is a key component of the work performed by the TSG2 Sub-Group on Transport. All this considered, according to the Sub-Group Members it appears important to re-order and collect all the information regarding the EUSAIR-labelled projects and measures on energy networks into a "consolidated report" where problems might be highlighted as well as the needs for further information. Coordinators are asked to act along these lines.

3. EUSAIR Facility Point Strategic Project-Work Package T.2: Preliminary Discussion on Monopillar Project Ideas

The background document "EUSAIR Facility Point Strategic Project-Work Package T.2: Preliminary Discussion on Monopillar Project Ideas" is presented by the two Sub-Group Coordinators. This background document builds upon the "Background Paper Work Package T.2 focused on Facilitating Strategic Project Development" V.1 as issued by the EUSAIR Facility Point on April 2018. It is understood that this Background Paper Work Package T.2 is undergoing continuing revision and updating and a new version (V.3) might be issued during July 2019.

According to the Background Paper ideas/concepts should be selected within Work Package T.2 and "further developed into project concepts or already bankable projects". By bankable project it is meant a project or proposal that has sufficient content and high probability of success, and is therefore acceptable to institutional tenders for financing.

It is recalled that the funds which are made available are 375,000 Euro under the responsibility of the Sub-Group Coordinator of Italy. Funds should be used for the engagement of external expertise for the development of two project ideas/concepts in close cooperation with TSG2 Sub-Group Members and Coordinators. Deadlines go from December 2018 through December 2022.

Concerning the selection of two project ideas/concepts, the Sub-Group Members have different views. A three-step process can be envisioned. First, the Sub-Group Members should adopt some selection criteria to be able to identify the two project ideas/concepts to be further developed. Second, the Sub-Group Members should define some short list of project ideas/concepts which will be adopted for making the selection. Third, the selection of project ideas/concepts would be made by the Sub-Group Members. Selection via e-mail might be an option. The Sub-Group Coordinators are asked follow these lines and to present a practical proposal on how to act before the next Energy Networks Sub-Group Meeting.

4. Proposals for new projects or measures on energy networks

The background document "Proposals for New Projects on Energy Networks" is presented by the two Sub-Group Coordinators. A renewed call has been made by the Sub-Group Coordinators to ask Sub-Group Members for proposing and submitting additional and updated information regarding the energy networks projects and measures of interest, including new projects and measures of interest. To the purpose, the "Template for the implementation of EUSAIR-labelled projects and measures for energy networks" has been circulated. No additional information has been provided, however.

It is noted that some points as contained in the template are in need of clarification. In particular,



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- a) In the column “Project (or measure) promoters” it should be said which are the EUSAIR Member States and other States involved. It is assumed that the “Lead Country” is the Member State presenting the Template unless otherwise stated.
- b) In the column “Short description of the project/measure and the related information sources” it should be mentioned the project or measure localisation.
- c) In the column “Project (or measure) documents” information should be given concerning national planning documents as well as European planning and private involvement.
- d) In the column “Main problems” information should be given regarding roadblocks, delays, unforeseen or expected difficulties as well as alternative options.

The Coordinators are asked to improve the Template and provide it with notes to better reflect these points and the evolving context. As for information updating and monitoring it might also be helpful to try to develop contacts with the Energy Community Secretariat, Central and South-Eastern European Gas Connectivity (CESEC) Initiative, Western Balkans (WB6) Summit. Other multilateral or regional organisations might also have a role such as Electricity Market Integration (EMI) Platform, Energy Community Regulatory Board and Transmission System Operators of the Ionian-Adriatic Region. The Coordinators will make attempts to develop links as appropriate.

In conclusion, the TSG2 Energy Networks Sub-Group Members will be invited to use the revised Template for collecting and submitting additional and updated information regarding the energy networks projects and measures of interest.

Cross-pillar or interpillar project ideas are also deserving attention.

The Energy Network Sub-Group Members are asked by the Coordinators to express their view with regard to the implications for energy networks of three project ideas. These project ideas might be proposed for support under the “Additional support to the Governance of the EUSAIR Facility Point Plus”.

Documentation has been circulated in advance to the present TSG2 Meeting. The three cross-pillar project ideas are: ADRIONCYCLETOUT as developed by the TSG2 Transport Sub-Group and submitted jointly with TSG4, Shore-side Electricity Supply Project for the Adriatic-Ionian Ports (SESPAIP) to be discussed, Waterborne Adriatic-Ionian Technology Platform (WAI-TP) as submitted by TSG1. Energy Networks Sub-Group Members express their approval and support to these cross-pillar project ideas as for their energy-related aspects.

5. Update on recent energy directives and policy recommendations by the European Union in the possible interest of the Adriatic and Ionian Region

Apologies were received from Mr Adam Szolyak of the EC Directorate General for Energy for being unable to attend the Meeting. It is noted however, how the relations with the EC Directorate General of Energy are becoming scattered and difficult while the Clean Energy for All Europeans Package and the overview of the National Energy and Climate Plans would require insight and information for the Sub-Group.

6. Role of financial stakeholders in the implementation of energy projects: proposals for next steps

Dialogue with financial stakeholders should continue according to Sub-Group Members while other relevant financial institutions representatives might be invited to participate in future meetings of the Sub-Group for Energy Networks. In principle, a full-fledged seminar or ad-hoc workshop with some financial institutions representatives and the Sub-Group Members might be envisioned during 2019 to discuss how to promote investment in selected EUSAIR –labelled projects for energy networks. Aim is at better understanding the interest of financial institutions in the projects and how projects should be presented to receive attention from potential investors. Sub-Group Coordinators will consider a possible course of action in this respect.



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7. Energy Networks Draft Action Plan for 2019

The background document “EUSAIR TSG2 Sub-Group on Energy Networks Draft Action Plan for 2019” is presented by the two Sub-Group Coordinators.

Aim of actions which are foreseen by the Sub-Group on Energy Networks during the year 2019 would be threefold.

First and most important, is the updating and monitoring process of EUSAIR-labelled projects and measures regarding energy networks so as these projects and measures can be proposed to the financial institutions and community for possible investment and eventually implemented. To the purpose, a key element will be the interaction between the TSG2 Sub-Group on Energy Networks and representatives of the financial system.

Second, is action on the EUSAIR framework which is including contribution to the 4th EUSAIR Annual Forum to be held in Budva, Montenegro on 6-8 May 2019 as well as action on the EUSAIR Position Paper of February 2019 entitled “Follow-up actions in response to the request from EUSAIR Ministers under Paragraph 6 of the Catania ministerial Declaration”. In addition some work is foreseen on the Master Plan for Energy Networks where terms of reference would be defined by the Sub-Group.

Third, there are proposals for inter-pillar project ideas which may find financing under the “Additional support to the Governance of EUSAIR. Facility Point Plus” initiative. Furthermore, proposals made by the Sub-Group for measures and projects concerning cross-cutting issues would receive better definition.

After discussion, Sub-Groups Coordinators are asked for submitting the background document to the TSG2 Technical Support Unit to be incorporated with a similar document on transport into the TSG2 Action Plan for 2019 in due time.

8. Proposals for one or two macro-regional priorities/pilot emblematic projects to be included in the 2021-2027 ESIF Partnership Agreements and IPA III programming framework

The background document “Proposal for Pilot/Emblematic Actions and Projects to Be Included in the 2021-2027 ESIF Partnership Agreements and IPA Programming Framework” is presented by the TSG2 Coordinators. Attention of Sub-Group Members should also refer to the EUSAIR Position Paper “Follow-up Actions in Response to the Request from EUSAIR Ministers under the Paragraph 6 of the Catania Ministerial Declaration” dated February 2019. It is recalled that on 2 May 2018 the European Commission adopted a proposal for the next multi-annual financial framework for the period 2021-2027. This proposal for a Common Provisions Regulation (CPR) as described in the document COM (2018) 375 final (and its Annexes) and presented before the European Parliament is aimed at setting out common provisions for seven shared management funds. All of this adds to the so-called IPA Programming Framework to be established by the European Commission in partnership with Enlargement States.

During the 3rd EUSAIR Forum held in Catania, Italy, Ministers or their deputies from the eight EUSAIR States paved the way for an effective and mutually beneficial relationship between EUSAIR and ESIF and IPA programmes for the 2021-2027 period.

It might be useful recalling that Paragraph 6 of the ministerial Declaration calls on national and regional authorities responsible for the ESIF and IPA funds in the eight participating countries to “closely coordinate among them across the Region [omissis] so as to jointly agree on the macro-regional priorities to be included in the ESIF Partnership Agreements and IPA Strategy Papers and subsequently, in the ensuing relevant programming elements”.

In the EUSAIR Position Paper it is said that “Each priority must include: title, the policy objective as referred to art. 4.1 of the CPR (i.e. COM (2018) 375 final) to which the priority is contributing,

a summary of the policy choices as referred to in art. 8.b. of CPR, a short justification of the policy choice, and if applicable a brief reference to the tentative yet specific as possible pilot/emblematic actions and projects to be financed by the priorities in a coordinated with other countries way”.

Furthermore it is said that “Each Member of the TSG during the whole procedure must be in close consultation and coordination with the relevant national authorities that are responsible for planning in his/her country. An initial (not binding as it is an on-going process) approval of the proposals by the responsible national or regional authorities is essential”.

In the EUSAIR Position Paper it is also stated that pilot/emblematic actions and projects should meet the following four criteria:

- a) distinct, undisputed macro-regional relevance within the proposed priority;
- b) consistency with highly possible priorities to be set at the national/regional level;
- c) the related types of action being eligible for financing according to the proposed by COM regulatory-framework for the 2021-2027 period;
- d) can prove their strategic importance (size, complementarity and synergies with projects being implemented outside the country’s territory, missing links, multiplier effect if jointly implemented).

Basing upon the EUSAIR Action Plan (SWD (2014) 190 final), basing upon work performed by the Energy Networks Sub-Group so far and considering the desires of EUSAIR Member States agreement is reached in the Sub-Group to propose three titles as follows:

1. *Construction and establishment of a well-connected power system and well-functioning electricity market for the Adriatic-Ionian Region;*
2. *Construction and establishment of an integrated natural gas infrastructure and a well-functioning gas market;*
3. *Infrastructure development for LNG logistics in the Adriatic-Ionian Region.*

Then two policy objectives are identified, namely:

1. *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;*
2. *A more connected Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity.*

The Sub-Group Coordinators are asked to prepare a proposal to be submitted to their respective EUSAIR National Coordinators along these lines. The Energy Networks Sub-Group Members will be kept informed so as they can make suggestions, consult and coordinate with relevant national authorities as foreseen by the EUSAIR Position Paper.

Finally, to conclude the process, according to the EUSAIR Position Paper, following agreement and decisions made by National Coordinators the TSGs are asked “to further elaborate on the mature pilot/emblematic actions and projects consistent with macro-regional priorities included in the shortlist submitted to ESIF/IPA national authorities for the consideration in the Partnership Agreements and IPA Programming Framework”. The Position Paper foresees a “round of TSG meetings for this task in early July 2019” while National Coordinators would endorse the list of the proposed actions and projects by end September 2019.

9. Updating the open list of projects and measures for the cross-cutting issues

The document entitled “Updating the open list of projects and measures for the cross-cutting issues” is presented by the two Sub-Group Coordinators. It is noted that a similar document entitled “Updating the open list of projects and measures for the cross-cutting issue and eventual EUSAIR-labelling by the TSG2 Sub-Group on Energy Networks” was presented and discussed during the 9th Meeting of the TSG2 which was held in Belgrade on 11-15 November 2018.



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In Belgrade, Sub-Group Members noted that the five cross-cutting projects or measures which are described in that document would bear a great potential interest for EUSAIR. Their development and implementation would demand resources and effort which are at present beyond the capabilities of the Sub-Group, however. Neither there would be sufficient time to develop full-fledged cross-pillar (or inter-pillar) project ideas to be supported according to the procedure foreseen by the EUSAIR Facility Point Plus project.

Sub-Group Members while confirming their interest suggest that two amongst the five projects and measures concerning cross-cutting issues as proposed by the Sub-Group on Energy Networks might find implementation within a broad co-operation between the Sub-Group (or the TSG2) and the AI-NURECC Initiative. Preliminary contacts made by the Sub-Group Coordinators have been positive, though a number of issues are in need of clarification before establishing same scheme for doing joint work.

The titles of the two projects or measures to be discussed with relevant interests from the AI-NURECC Initiative are:

1. *Human capital up-grading and technical training for energy system engineering and economics*
2. *SMEs and Energy Technology Innovation Network towards the 4.0 Enterprise*

Elements of the suggested action by the Sub-Group Coordinators might be shared by the TSG2 Transport Sub-Group.

10. EUSAIR Annual Forum: Parallel Session on How EUSAIR can contribute to the Integrated Energy and Climate Plans: challenges and future steps

The background document “4th EUSAIR Annual Forum – Parallel Session on How EUSAIR can contribute to the Integrated Climate and Energy Plans: challenges and future steps” is presented by the two Sub-Group Coordinators.

The 4th EUSAIR Annual Forum will be held under the presidency of the Government of Montenegro in Budva on 6-8 May 2019. The EUSAIR Pillar 2 Coordinators have been asked for contributing. Two parallel sessions are foreseen in this regard, one for Transport, and another for Energy Networks.

As for the subject of the parallel session to be organised under the responsibility of the Energy Networks Sub-Group, it is recalled that the European Union has set achieving ambitious targets for the greenhouse gas emission reductions, renewable energy and energy efficiency for 2030 and 2050 in line with the Paris Agreement. In this context, the European Union has agreed on a new regulatory framework to support its clean energy transition for the period from 2020 to 2030 and has communicated its ambition to create a climate-neutral economy by 2050. The sectoral integration of the different energy producing and end-use sectors is central within the regulatory framework for 2030.

EU Member States and States proposed for their access to the European Union are asked to prepare their National Integrated Climate and Energy Plans to make the energy transition towards a low-carbon economy faster and more cost-effective with a view to the European Commission’s Clean Energy for All Europeans package.

Concerning the organisation of the parallel session it is suggested that Chair is H.E. Ms. Mirjana Filipović, Secretary of State, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Republic of Serbia, while Key-note Speaker is Nebojša Nakićenović, Deputy Director General, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxemburg, Austria. Other participants might be invited from the EC Directorate General for Energy, Energy Community as well as High-level responsables for selected National Integrated Climate and Energy Plans.

The Energy Networks Sub-Group Members are invited to: express their views on the Parallel Session, suggest names for possible panelists, participate in the 4th EUSAIR Annual Forum, Budva, 6-8 May 2019.

11. Any other subject of interest

Mr Panagiotis Massaras, the representative of Greece in the Energy Networks Sub-Group is announcing that he has been assigned by his Ministry of Environment and Energy to a new position and mandate. A replacement is foreseen in the Sub-Group. Members express their gratitude to Mr. Massaras for his endeavour ideas and support.

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6. Report on the Main Conclusions of the Two Sub-Groups on Transport and Energy Networks

TSG2 Coordinators report issues as discussed and decisions made by the two Sub-Groups TSG2 Members and are asked for their views.

7. TSG2 Draft Work Plan for 2019 and Facility Point Activity Plan 2019

TSG2 Members examine the drafts of the:

- Transport Work Plan for 2019 and the Energy Networks Work Plan for 2019
- List of events related to TSG2 Transport Sub-Group within the FP Activity Plan 2019.

The TSG2 Draft Transport Work Plan for 2019 includes the following events of macro-regional relevance: the EUSAIR Forum and the Round Table on Ports Connectivity to be organized in Budva (24 April 2019). It is stressed the importance of TSG2 Members commitment to the identification of the priorities to be proposed for the next EU programming period, as a follow-up to paragraph 6 of the “EUSAIR Catania Declaration”.

The two Draft Work Plans have been approved by their respective Sub-Groups. The TSG2 Coordinators will prepare with help from the Technical Support Unit a consolidated version of TSG2 Draft Programme of Work for the Year 2019 which will be annexed to the Draft Minutes and Operational Conclusions to be eventually approved by the TSG2 Members as an integral part of the Minutes (see Annex 3).

TSG2 Members discuss the FP Activity Plan 2019 after an introduction of the Italian Pillar Coordinators. It appears that the “long-list” of events (national and macro-regional) herein proposed were not contained in a coherent and comprehensive framework. TSG2 Member propose to consider the inclusion in the FP Activity Plan only the events already included in the TSG2 Draft Programme of Work for the Year 2019. Pillar Coordinators will ask the FP Partners and Lead Partner to clarify whether TSG2 had to approve the FP annual Activity Plan, and which procedure had to be followed to select the events of macro-regional relevance. It is agreed that in the future (e.g. for the FP Activity Plan 2020) any proposal that either need or ask for the endorsement of TSG2 was received and discussed in the 2nd TSG2 Meeting of the previous year.

8. Joint Operational conclusions and next steps

An overview is provided in the following.



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OPERATIONAL CONCLUSIONS

In consideration of discussion developed during the Meeting and decisions made by the consensus rule, the main operational conclusions and steps to be taken are as in the following.

1. With a view at the two thematic sessions to be organized during the 4th **EUSAIR Annual Forum** (Budva, 6-8 May 2019), and focused on transport and energy network, the Coordinators would circulate a proposal of panelists including those proposed by TSG2 Members and by the representatives of the European Commission (DG MOVE, DG NEAR), the Transport Community Treaty, international financial institutions, experts in the field of transport and energy networks. The Energy Networks Sub-Group Coordinators will organize the Parallel Session on How EUSAIR Can Contribute to the Integrated Energy and Climate Plans while considering proposals coming from the Sub-Group Members. Pillar Coordinators will explore together with the Montenegro Presidency the option for re-scheduling the Transport Thematic session and the Energy Thematic Session in order to avoid that two Sessions develop in parallel.
2. With respect to the activity agreed on the basis of the **EUSAIR Position Paper on paragraph 6 of EUSAIR Catania Declaration**, and more specifically to the identification of proposals for macro-regional priorities/pilot emblematic projects to be included in the 2021-2027 ESI Partnership Agreements and IPA III programming framework, to be submitted by 15 April 2019 as requested by the Governing Board:
 - **two macro-regional priorities** have been discussed and approved by the Transport Sub-Group (see Annex 8) coordinators shall circulate a proposal of **pilot emblematic projects** to be approved urgently via written procedure by the Transport Sub-Group members in order to allow their transmission to the EUSAIR National Coordinators by 15 April.
 - the Energy Networks Sub-Group Members agree upon **three titles and two policy objectives** to be submitted to the National Coordinators (see Annex 9). Pillar Coordinators shall circulate the proposal agreed to be finally approved urgently via written procedure by the Energy Networks SubGroup members allowing afterwards its transmission to the EUSAIR National Coordinators by 15 April. Action should be continued and the Coordinators will keep Sub-Group Members informed.
3. In relation to the implementation of Facility Point strategic project, Transport Sub-Group proposes that **WPT2** budget for the engagement of external expertise supporting the action of Pillar 2, for preparation of **mono-pillar project** ideas, would be devoted to studies functional to the development of the Master Plan. Two procurement options were considered: option 1) appointment of one single external expertise for all the issues to be covered; option 2) appointment of two or more expertise's by each issue (e.g. ports development and shipping, terrestrial network development, intermodality,). Transport Pillar Coordinators will circulate a proposal of budget allocation and a draft of ToR, and invited the FP WPT2 country partner to be ready to launch the tender.
4. FP Italian Project Partners (PP), Regione Marche, under the guidance of the umbrella expert, hired by FP Greece PP is also requested to circulate the outcome of the workshop held in Athens in the framework of **WPT3 activities**, with additional documentation on what the purpose and the scope of EUSAIR monitoring. FP Italian PP will circulate the information about the **stakeholder platform**, to be implemented within **WPT4**, presented during the Governing board (Brussels, 20-21 February 2019), in addition to the guidelines



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that are available online. The TSG2 will identify two “focal point” (one for Transport, one for Energy networks), as reference persons that will interact with FP to : 1) filter all the material received and to be published on the platform; 2) identify the stakeholders to be involved in a second phase; 3) identify and organize training events. All TSG2 Members are invited to test the use of the stakeholder platform.

5. It is noted that the **FP Activity Plan 2019** which is presenting a “long-list” of events (at national and macro-regional level) not always framed in a coherent and comprehensive framework. As a consequence, in accordance with the TSGs Work Plans, TSG2 proposes to consider the inclusion in the FP Activity Plan only the events already included in the TSG2 Draft Programme of Work for the Year 2019. Pillar Coordinators will ask the FP Lead Partner and Partners to clarify whether TSG2 had to approve the FP annual Activity Plan, and which procedure had to be followed to select the events of macro-regional relevance.
6. The Transport and Energy Networks Coordinators will jointly work to incorporate the respective Work Plans and finalize, with the help of the Technical Support Unit, **the TSG2 Work Programme 2019** as single document.
7. In monitoring and reviewing the already **EUSAIR-labelled-projects**, Transport Sub-Group Members, responsible for each project, are invited to continue to use the *ad hoc* template for submitting information with regard to the already labelled projects and measures as well as new ideas and proposals. They are recommended to identify those projects having a common geographical or thematic scope (e.g. port electrification), in order to create “clusters” of actions/interventions of macro-regional relevance. The monitoring phase will continue, also with regard to **cross-pillar projects** ideas submitted to the Facility Point Plus.
8. TSG2 Transport Sub-Group approves the labelling of the proposal “Port electrification - providing electricity to ships while berthing at port of Koper “(i.e. the labelled-project no.46). As concerns the NEWBRAIN project, proposed for labelling as well, reformulation of the template is requested providing more information, emphasizing the macro-regional relevance of the project, in order to enable the decision on the approval as labelled project.
9. The Draft Transport Action Plan for 2019 is approved, including also the following events of macro-regional relevance: the two TSG2 Meetings, the EUSAIR Forum and the Round Table on Ports Connectivity to be organized in Budva (24 April 2019). The Transport Sub-Group Action Plan for 2019 will be integrated with the Energy Networks Action Plan for 2019 and submitted as a single document to the Facility Point.
10. The Coordinators of the TSG2 Transport Sub-Group are asked to participate in the 2nd **ADRION annual event** (Budva, 6 May 2019) to contribute with two keynote-addresses on the Axis 3 topics of the 2nd call.
11. **Implementation of the open list of 10 EUSAIR-labelled projects for energy networks:** the Energy Networks Coordinators will prepare a “consolidated report” to re-order and collect information regarding projects and measures for energy networks as received thus far.



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12. **EUSAIR Facility Point Strategic Project – Work Package T.2: Preliminary Discussion on Monopillar Issues.** The Energy Networks Sub-Group Coordinators will act to allow Sub-Group Members to select up to two project ideas/concepts which would be further developed into project concepts or already bankable projects according to EUSAIR Work Package T.2.
13. **Proposals for new projects or measures on energy networks.** The Energy Networks Sub-Group Members will be asked by the Coordinators to submit updated and new information regarding energy projects and measures according to a revised template.
14. **Facility Point + .** With regard to the **energy issues** the Energy Networks Sub-Group Members express their approval and support to three crosspillar project ideas namely, the **ADRIONCYCLETOUT** as submitted by TSG2-Transport Sub-Group jointly with TSG4, the preliminary project idea of **Shore-side Electricity Supply Project for the Adriatic-Ionian Ports** as proposed and not yet finalized by TSG2 Transport Sub-Group, the Waterborne Adriatic-Ionian Technology Platform (**WAI-TP**) as submitted by TSG1 jointly with TSG2.
15. **Updating the open list of projects and measures for the cross-cutting issues.** The Energy Networks Sub-Group Coordinators will try to establish relations and collaboration with AI-NURECC Initiative regarding two projects or measures of high interest.

9. Any other business. End of the meeting

No further issues or points are raised. The Meeting is declared closed. The next 11th EUSAIR TSG2 Meeting would be convened in Belgrade during November 2019.

ANNEXES

1. List of participants to the 10th TSG2 Meeting;
2. Minutes and Operational Conclusions of the 9th TSG2 meeting (Belgrade, 14-15 November 2018);
3. TSG2 Draft Programme of Work for the Year 2019;
4. FP Annual Activity Plan for 2019;
5. Open List of EUSAIR-labelled Projects for Transport (April 2019);
6. Towards the Development of the Masterplan of Transport for the Adriatic-Ionian Region. Presentation PPT by the Italian Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport
7. EUSAIR Position Paper “Follow-up Actions in Response to the Request from EUSAIR Ministers under Paragraph 6 of the Catania Ministerial Declaration”, February 2019
8. TSG2 Transport Sub-Group proposal on Pilot/Emblematic Actions and Projects to be Included in the 2021-2027 ESIF Partnership Agreements and IPA Programming Framework
9. TSG2 Energy Networks Sub-Group proposal on Pilot/Emblematic Actions and Projects to be Included in the 2021-2027 ESIF Partnership Agreements and IPA Programming Framework
10. Proposal of a new EUSAIR-labelled Project for Transport “Port electrification - providing electricity to ships while berthing at port of Koper”
11. Implementation of the Open List of 10 EUSAIR-labelled Projects for Energy Networks and Monitoring
12. EUSAIR Facility Point Strategic Project – Work Package T.2: Preliminary Discussion on Monopillar Project Ideas (Energy Networks)
13. Proposals for New Projects on Energy Networks
14. Updating the Energy Networks Open List of Projects and Measures for the Cross-Cutting Issues
15. 4th EUSAIR Annual Forum – Parallel Session on How EUSAIR Can Contribute to the Integrated Climate and Energy Plans: Challenges and Future Steps (Energy Networks)