

## **Draft document**

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE EUSAIR TSG2 RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE INCLUSION OF NORTH MACEDONIA**

(for discussion and decision of EUSAIR Pillar 2 at the 11th Meeting of the  
EUSAIR TSG2, Belgrade, 19-20 November 2019)

#### **Agenda Item 4**

##### **A. The EUSAIR TSG2:**

- **Recalling** the Rules of Procedure of the Thematic Steering Group for Pillar 2 “Connecting the Region” under the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region as adopted on 28 August 2015 (in the following: The Rules of Procedure)
- **Recalling** the Budva Declaration of 8 May 2019 as adopted during the Adriatic and Ionian Council/EUSAIR Ministerial Meeting which was convened during the 4th Forum of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region held in Budva, Montenegro on 7-8 May 2019 (in the following: The Budva Declaration)
- **Taking into consideration that** in the Budva Declaration the Representatives of the Governments and the European Commission:

- a) **Welcome** the General Affairs Council Conclusions of 9 April 2019 accepting the request put forward by the countries participating in the EUSAIR to include the Republic of North Macedonia;
- b) **Invite** relevant European Institutions to follow-up on the process;
- c) **Commit**, in cooperation with the Commission, to launch a discussion on the role and responsibilities of the Republic of North Macedonia in the context of the EUSAIR governance, and to ensure its prepare reflection in all revised official documents;
- d) **Agree** to include representatives of the new participating country in all activities **as a guest, until full membership is achieved.**
- **Recalling** that the European Commission commissioned a study on Options for Integrating North Macedonia in the EUSAIR and as a result of such a study a letter was circulated on 4 July 2019 presenting options aimed at ensuring smooth and fast inclusion of North Macedonia in the EUSAIR.
- **Recalling** that a written procedure was launched on three options while one option was envisioning North Macedonia as third leader of a Pillar.
- **Taking into consideration** that during the opening of the Mediterranean and Macroeconomic Week in Portorož, Slovenia on 17 September 2019 the Deputy Ambassador of North Macedonia in Slovenia officially announced the preference of her Government to be included in the EUSAIR by taking on the responsibility of coordinating Pillar 2 together with Italy and the Republic of Serbia

- **Recalling** that as a result of discussion on the Inclusion of the Republic of North Macedonia in the EUSAIR during its 10th Meeting held in Belgrade on 21-22 October 2019 the EUSAIR Governing Board concluded that
  - a) Following the inclusion of North Macedonia in the EUSAIR, a discussion on reorganisation of EUSAIR Pillars could be launched at the next Governing Board Meeting, as suggested by Pillar 2 Coordinators;
  - b) North Macedonia's representatives will be invited to the next round of TSG's Meetings in November 2015. The European Commission will share the contact of appointed National Coordinator (from North Macedonia) with Pillar Coordinators as soon as they are available [omissis].

**B. In light of all of this, the EUSAIR TSG2:**

- **Welcome** the participation of representatives of North Macedonia at their Meetings
- **Believe** that this participation could bring real added value for increasing cooperation in the Adriatic-Ionian Region in the fields of transport linkages between the coastal areas and the hinterland as well as in the field of energy networks and related markets.
- **Decide** to introduce amendments on its Rules of Procedure.

### **C. Amendments to The Rules of Procedure of the EUSAIR TSG2**

- Amendments are aimed at including North Macedonia in the EUSAIR TSG2 while North Macedonia is appointing two “**Guest Coordinators**”, one for Transport and another one for Energy Networks as well as “**Guest representatives**”.
- All amendments are provisional under the assumption that after a learning period, North Macedonia will become a Member of the TSG2 with full rights and status as all the present standing Members.
- It is assumed that in their position of TSG2 Guest Coordinators the representatives of the Republic of North Macedonia will provide the Coordinators from Italy and the Republic of Serbia with advice and assistance while the Guest Coordinators will be kept informed about all the actions and decisions taken by the TSG2 Coordinators.
- In all formal and informal meetings and written procedures Guest Coordinators may wish to express their views and provide contributions while they will be no part to the consensus rule, in other words they will be not participating on the TSG2 decisions.
- The most significant amendments to the Rules of **Procedure are as in the following (with new text in brackets)**.

#### **Participants:**

**Chair:** TSG2 is chaired by four Pillar Coordinators. [Two Guest Pillar Coordinators will provide advice and assistance]

**Standing Members:**

Representatives [and Guest representatives] front relevant administrations [omissis].

**7. Decision-making rules**

7.2 Decisions are made by consensus among representatives of participating countries attending the meeting (one voice and one vote per country). Other Standing Members [and Guest representatives] in the meeting do not take part in the decision making [omissis]

**8. Reporting**

The Pillar Coordinators [with assistance from Guest Pillar Coordinators] shall jointly prepare an annual progress report [omissis].

**D. Suggested course of action**

The TSG2 representatives of participating countries are asked for discussing the present document, reviewing and amending it as appropriate and eventually approve.