



## TSG Report for EUSAIR Governing Board

24th Governing Board Meeting, 13.2.2025, Patras, Greece

Reporting period: 11.10.2024-13.2.2025

### TSG2 on Energy

#### Introduction

##### Purpose

The Hellenic Presidency is introducing the TSGs Reports for the EUSAIR Governing Board with the purpose to **streamline the Governing Board and Technical Meeting of EUSAIR Pillar Coordinators**, which should focus more on discussions on strategic topics raised and agreed among Meeting participants.

##### Tasks

The reporting about past and future activities of the TSG2 on Energy is summarised in this Report, which is **prepared by the Pillar Coordinators (and sent 10 calendar days prior to the Meeting)** to allow Participants to read the Report in advance.

EUSAIR Facility Point Lead Partner will gather all the Reports and make them available on the EUSAIR intranet.

##### Content

The present Report captures the main activities and achievements of the TSG2 on Energy in the period since the last Governing Board Meeting and plans for the next period.

The Report itself is short – extracting the most relevant information for Participants in 3 pages. Meeting Participants might ask for further information at the Meeting.

For the presentation at the Technical Meeting of EUSAIR Pillar Coordinators of 12 February a ppt template has been adopted to ensure the best use of time.

## Report by TSG2 on Energy

### Main issues proposed to be discussed at upcoming Meetings

Which topics would you like to address at the upcoming PC Meeting (12/02/2025)?:

- a) **Provisional adoption** of the EUSAIR Revised Action Plan of 24 January 2025 foreseen by TSGs (while waiting for its formal endorsement and approval) to be agreed upon
- b) **Role of Pillar Coordinators.** How to reverse the marginal and sidelined role Pillar Coordinators are given by the 7th Draft of the EUSAIR Governance Architecture Paper?
- c) **EUSAIR Governance Support Projects.** How to improve Projects coordination and how to make Project no. 2 and Project n. 3 instrumental for implementing the EUSAIR Action Plan while TSGs are facing dramatic lack of technical and thematic assistance?

### TSG Meetings

Last TSG2 on Energy Meeting: 20th Meeting of TSG2 on Energy:

Date and place of the last TSG2 Meeting: 29 November 2024, Trieste, Italy

Meeting format (tick the box): ☐ online ☐ in presence ☒ hybrid

Any participating Country missing: Yes ☒ No ☐ Which one: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Main conclusions:

- Provisional adoption of the EUSAIR Revised Action Plan to be confirmed
- Reservations maintained on version of 25 November 2024 of the Revised EUSAIR Action Plan. Reservations now superseded by the version of 24 January 2025
- Reservations maintained with regard to the limited and sidelined role of Coordinators in the 7th Draft of EUSAIR Governance Paper
- Process of EUSAIR-labelling of energy projects and measures in need of clarification and updating
- Lack of thematic assistance stifling the Programme of Work 2025 by the TSG2 on Energy
- Approval of Pillar 2 Annual Progress Report for the Year 2024 granted.

Next TSG Meeting: 21st Meeting of TSG2 on Energy:

Date and place of the next TSG2 Meeting: 15 April 2025, Belgrade, Serbia

Meeting format (tick the box): ☐ online ☐ in presence ☒ hybrid

Main topics proposed for the next TSG2 Meeting:

- Survey of priority strategic projects and studies from the EUSAIR Action Plan
- How to find resources for the implementation of priority strategic studies and projects from the EUSAIR Action Plan (no resources in sight until end 2025)?
- How to move forward with EUSAIR-labelling of projects and measures on energy?
- How to launch and prepare an envisioned Intergenerational EUSAIR Pact for a Sustainable and Cohesive Energy Future, while mobilising the EUSAIR Youth Council?

### Nominations and TSG2 Members' activity:

Any issues with nominations (e.g. no TSG Member from Participating Country): No issue

Any TSG Member not responsive: All Standing Members of TSG2 on Energy are reactive and responsive though the extremely long transition (years 2023, 2024, 2025) with continuing deferrals of the new EUSAIR Action Plan as well as the dramatic lack of resources would discourage and demotivate participation into TSG2 on Energy.

### Main TSG activities/achievements:

Update on strategic implementation (past and plans):

- EUSAIR Master Plan on Energy Networks of the Adriatic and Ionian Region and Road Map for Energy Markets Integration completed by June 2023 and presented during a EUSAIR Open Conference, Rome, 6 July 2023
- EUSAIR Capacity building Workshop on Project no. 3 SP4 EUSAIR planned on-line by end-March 2025
- EUSAIR Workshop on-line on Updated Master Plan on Energy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region foreseen by October/November 2025
- Tentative priority strategic studies and projects considered (with no resources, no timeline, and unknowns affecting their implementation)
  - a) Artificial Intelligence in the Energy Systems: Prospects and Action
  - b) Power Generation for Electric Vehicles and Data Centres.
  - c) EUSAIR Conference to Confront Global Climate Change
  - d) Renewable Energy Road-Map
  - e) EUSAIR Forum on Energy Efficiency
  - f) Design of Hydrogen Valley for Western Balkans
  - g) EUSAIR Energy Markets Integration

Any update on embedding (past and plans):

This question is in need of a clarification. What is asked for?

Any visibility/communication/stakeholder engagement activities to highlight (past and plans):

Lack of resources is preventing any effort in this respect

Key conclusions from events organised and attended:

- a) EUSAIR Financial Forum: Financial Resources to Develop Strategic Projects in the Adriatic and Ionian Region, Ancona, Italy, 5 December 2024 (in the framework of Project no. 2 StEP)
- b) Three proposals made in the Forum:
  - Building (with European Investment Bank) a **Facility** of Adriatic and Ionian Region Investment and Partnership
  - Establishing a EUSAIR **Facility for Financial Services** (on Energy, Transport and infrastructures)
  - Creation of EUSAIR **Network of European Financial Managing Authorities**.

Future event:

- EUSAIR Workshop on Prospects for Energy Networks Development, Hydrogen Market, Offshore Renewable Development: Challenges and Solutions for the Adriatic and Ionian Macroregion, Athens, Greece, 12 March 2025

Plans for the 10th EUSAIR Annual Forum:

- Energy Session on Energy Programmes and Projects to Confront Global Climate Change in the Adriatic and Ionian Region, Crete, Greece. 6-7 May 2025

Key achievement from the last period:

- Bidding process for updated Master Plan on Energy 2026 for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (with scenarios and time horizons 2035 and 2050) under way (based upon limited resources by the Friuli-Venezia Giulia Region of Italy)
- Publication and diffusion to interested parties of the booklet “EUSAIR Prospects and Proposals for Transport and Energy” by the Marche Region of Italy.

Any interaction with EUSAIR Youth Council:

- Coordinators participation in person into the 1st Membership and Capacity Building Meeting of the EUSAIR Youth Council, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 21-23 November 2024
- Noted: lack of information to the Youth concerning EUSAIR mission, scope and Action Plan; lack of focus on intergenerational issues on which the Youth Council might provide ideas and vision; key themes such as brain drain, enterprise start-ups, role of STEM totally absent
- Activities by the EUSAIR Youth Council should be mentioned, added and introduced into the new EUSAIR Action Plan

Any additional information to be added:

Strong co-ordination and synergism between TSG2 on Transport and TSG2 on Energy continuing

Relations with other Pillars will depend upon the implementation of the Revised EUSAIR Action Plan.

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