

## Annex 1

### Flagship initiative concept template

The aim of the template is to gather information about the new flagship initiative concepts of each TSG to be further developed and implemented. The template and the evaluation list ensure the Audit trail. The template should be filled out by the stakeholder from the Adriatic-Ionian Region. The evaluation list must be filled out by TSG member (evaluator) in order to come up with their decision.

If necessary, a support for preparation can be provided within the scope of EUSAIR governance support projects by engaging external expert/s. In that case it is necessary to fill out Annex 5 External expert engagement form prior to the submission of this template.

#### 1.1 Template for the development of the flagship initiative concept **(filled in by applicant)**

<b>Flagship initiative title</b>	
<b>Acronym</b>	<i>If applicable in CAPITAL LETTERS</i>
<b>ID number</b>	<p><i>Implementation format code – Pillar abbreviation – MM/YYYY - ACRONYM (if applicable)</i></p> <p><i>e.g. FS-P2E-07/2025-TOUR</i></p> <p><i>Depending on the implementation format selected please follow the instruction for the ID number description.</i></p> <p><u><i>Implementation format codes:</i></u> <i>FS – Flagship initiative</i></p> <p><u><i>Pillar abbreviations:</i></u> <i>Pillar 1 – P1</i> <i>Pillar 2 on Energy – P2E</i> <i>Pillar 2 on Transport – P2T</i> <i>Pillar 3 – P3</i> <i>Pillar 4 – P4</i> <i>Pillar 5 – P5</i></p>
<b>Origin of the initiative</b>	<p><i>Please list the name and the contact of:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. the person(s) (TSG member, associate, stakeholder etc.)/organization(s) who suggested the concept</i></li> <li><i>2. or published it on the Stakeholder platform (if applicable)</i></li> </ol>
<b>Please indicate at which TSG meeting the flagship initiative concept was presented and/or discussed (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Relevant stakeholders</b>	<i>Please list relevant groups of stakeholders that can contribute to the implementation of flagship objectives (e.g. different sectors, public administration, research institution, business sector, NGOs, other)</i>
<b>Rationale (background information)</b>	<i>Please describe the priorities and well-substantiated needs expressed by countries, regions and stakeholders or European</i>

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	<i>Commission services related to the concept and why should it be supported (up to 4000 characters)</i>
<b>Compliance with the Guiding Principles/Priorities of the respective Pillar</b>	<i>Describe the compliance of the suggested concept contributes with the Guiding Principles/Priorities of the respective Pillar (up to 2000 characters)</i>
<b>Related EUSAIR Action Plan topic(s) and action(s) compliance</b>	<i>Please indicate to which topic and action within EUSAIR Action Plan does the flagship concept contribute to and shortly describe (up to 2000 characters)</i>
<b>Relevant framework</b>	<i>Describe the relevant legislative framework and existing references, initiatives (projects, networks, etc.) that the concept is built upon (up to 6000 characters)</i>
<b>General objective (1)</b>	<i>General objective should be broad and take into account overarching goals relevant to the macroregion.</i>
<b>Specific objective (up to 5)</b>	<i>Please note that the objectives should be specific, measurable, achievable and relevant. If applicable, a time-bound component should also be included.</i>
<b>List all the potential activities/interventions that can contribute to the achievement of objectives (at least 10)</b>	<p><i>Please note that the described activities/interventions are broad enough that can be further translated into other implementation formats such as specific strategic project fiches, strategic documents, and/or knowledge and support formats and thus contribute to the flagship implementation. Pay attention to cross-cutting aspects (e.g. digital transition, R&amp;I, capacity building, climate change, inclusivity etc.).</i></p> <p><i>If you have suggestions for concrete implementation formats that can be developed to achieve flagship objectives. Please list them using the following:</i></p> <p><u>Implementation format codes:</u>  SP – Strategic project fiche  SD-AP – Strategic document – Action plan  SD-MP – Strategic document – Master plan  SD-RM – Strategic document – Road map  KS-S – Knowledge and support formats – Studies  KS-A – Knowledge and support formats – Action  KS-OF – Knowledge and support formats – Other formats</p>
<b>Expected results/outcomes (at least 5)</b>	<i>List all expected qualitative and quantitative (if applicable) results. Please note they should be realistic and credible.</i>
<b>Macroregional (transnational) impact</b>	<i>Demonstrate a transnational, if not macroregional impact (up to 4000 characters)</i>
<b>Additional Information</b>	<i>Please add any other information you consider relevant</i>

The flagship initiative concept to be further developed should reach the threshold of at least 60 points out of maximum 80 (**75% threshold**)!

*Filled in Annex 1 should be submitted via e-mail to the one of the following addresses, depending on the topic addressed:*

- TSG1:
- TSG2:
- TSG3:
- TSG4:
- TSG5:

**1.2 Evaluation list (filled in by TSG member)**

<b>Evaluation criteria</b>	<b>Guiding questions</b>	<b>Scoring guidance</b>	<b>Score:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
<b>Alignment with stakeholder needs</b>	<i>Does the initiative respond to well-substantiated needs or priorities of countries, regions, stakeholders, or European Commission services? Are they well addressed and relevant for macroregion?</i>	<b>1-3:</b> Vague or no evidence of needs <b>4-6:</b> Some mention, limited justification <b>7-8:</b> Clear and partially evidenced <b>9-10:</b> Strong, documented and policy-aligned		
<b>Compliance with the Guiding Principles/ Priorities of the respective Pillar</b>	<i>Is the flagship initiative clearly aligned with the strategic direction of the respective EUSAIR Pillar?</i>	<b>Yes</b> = 10 <b>Partially</b> = 5 <b>No</b> = 0		
<b>Alignment with EUSAIR Action Plan (topics/action)</b>	<i>Does the initiative contribute clearly to topics and actions from the EUSAIR Action Plan?</i>	<b>Yes</b> = 10 <b>Partially</b> = 5 <b>No</b> = 0		
<b>Maturity and added value</b>	<i>Does the initiative build on existing projects, networks, or outcomes and offer added value?</i>	<b>1-3:</b> No link, low readiness <b>4-6:</b> Weak connections, unclear added value <b>7-8:</b> Builds on existing efforts, some readiness <b>9-10:</b> Strong foundations and added value		
<b>Realistic and credible objectives</b>	<i>Are objectives clearly defined, relevant, and achievable?</i>	<b>1-3:</b> Vague/unrealistic <b>4-6:</b> Partially clear or not feasible <b>7-8:</b> Mostly clear and aligned <b>9-10:</b> Clear, measurable, realistic and feasible		
<b>Macroregional (transnational) impact</b>	<i>Will the initiative have macroregional (transnational) impact?</i>	<b>1-3:</b> Local/limited scope <b>4-6:</b> Some cross-border value <b>7-8:</b> Solid transnational		

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<b>Evaluation criteria</b>	<b>Guiding questions</b>	<b>Scoring guidance</b>	<b>Score:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
		<p>cooperation</p> <p><b>9–10:</b> Strong macroregional relevance</p>		
<b>Clarity and relevance of activities/interventions</b>	<p>Are proposed activities logical, relevant, and inclusive of cross-cutting themes (e.g., green transition, digitalisation)? Can proposed activities/interventions be translated into implementation formats? Are examples of further implementation formats development suggested and well structured?</p>	<p><b>1–3:</b> Unclear or poorly linked, no further implementation formats development suggested</p> <p><b>4–6:</b> Listed but weak or missing cross-cutting value and clear connection to implementation formats</p> <p><b>7–8:</b> Clear and relevant, some examples of further implementation formats development are given</p> <p><b>9–10:</b> Strong alignment and cross-cutting integration, for each action/intervention is given example of possible implementation format development</p>		
<b>Expected results and outcomes</b>	<p>Are the expected results clearly defined, realistic, and aligned with the objectives and macroregional goals?</p>	<p><b>1–3:</b> Unclear or missing</p> <p><b>4–6:</b> Listed but general or hard to measure</p> <p><b>7–8:</b> Mostly clear, relevant, and partially measurable</p> <p><b>9–10:</b> Clear, measurable, aligned with objectives and macroregional impact</p>		
<b>FINAL SCORE</b>				
<b>General comment of the Evaluator (TSG member)</b>				

**Evaluation results:****Final score:** \_\_\_\_\_/80**Threshold reached ( $\geq 60$  points):**  **Yes**  **No****Next Steps:**

- **If YES** → The flagship initiative will be recommended for further development and consideration for integration into implementation planning and shared with relevant EUSAIR governance support project partners. The applicant may be contacted to refine the concept and suggest further implementation formats development (e.g., project fiche, action plan, study).
  - *Optional follow up actions by Evaluator (TSG member)*
    - Assign TSG member(s) to support concept refinement:  
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    - Recommend discussion at next TSG meeting:  Yes  No
- **If NO** → The initiative does not currently meet the threshold. Feedback should be provided to the applicant with recommendations for improvement. Resubmission may be considered if substantial adjustments are made.
  - **Recommendations for improvement:**