

OVERVIEW OF THE FORUM

| 24 MAY | PALAZZO PLATAMONE | MONASTERO DEI BENEDETTINI DI SAN NICOLO' L'ARENA | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | AUDITORIUM | A1 ROOM | A2 | A3-A7 | A8 | A9 | SANTO MAZZARINO | CORO DI NOTTE | CHIOSTRO LEVANTE | CHIOSTRO PONENTE |
| 09:00 -12:00 | Registration Open | | | | | | | | | | |
| 09:00-19:00 | | Registration Open | | | | | | | | | |
| 09:00-12:45 | Business to Business (B2B) | Signing Ceremony (TBC) | Side Event Agenda 2030 (TBC) | Side Event Eco-Connectivity | | Side Event Territorial Resilience to Natural Disasters | All Meeting All – TSG2 | Side Event Research and Innovation | Side Event Territorial Potentials connected to Migration Flows | | |
| 12:45-14:00 | Networking Lunch (B2B) | | | | | | | | | | Networking Lunch (Forum) |
| 14:00 -16:30 | | FORUM Welcome and Opening Session | | | | | | | | | |
| 16:30-17:00 | | Coffee Break | | | | | | | | | |
| 17:00-19:00 | | FORUM - Parallel Sessions I: Developing Connectivity | | | | | | | | | |
| | | A New Vision of Transport for Development and Cohesion | | | | | | Energy Networks for Development and Market Integration | | | |
| 19:30-21:00 | | | | | | | | | | | Light Dinner |
| 21:30 | | Cultural Event | | | | | | | | | |

| 25 MAY | MONASTERO DEI BENEDETTINI DI SAN NICOLO' L'ARENA | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | AUDITORIUM | A1 ROOM | A2 | A3-A7 | A8 | A9 | SANTO MAZZARINO | CORO DI NOTTE | REFETTORIO PICCOLO | CHIOSTRO LEVANTE | CHIOSTRO PONENTE |
| 8:00 - 14:00 Running Coffee | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 09:00-10:30 | Financing Opportunities Connecting the Region: Transport and Energy Networks | | | | | | Financing Opportunities Tourism | Financing Opportunities Blue Growth | Financing Opportunities Environment | | |
| 10:30-11:00 | Coffee Break | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11:00-13:15 | Plenary Session – EUSAIR Prospects: United we stand, together we progress | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13:15-13:45 | Plenary Closing Session | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14:00-15:30 | | | | | | | | | | | Farewell Lunch |



3rd EUSAIR FORUM

Monastero dei Benedettini di San Nicolò l'Arena

PLENARY SESSIONS

THURSDAY, 24 MAY

14:00-16:30

Auditorium

WELCOME AND OPENING SESSION

Moderator

- Francesca **FANUELE**, Journalist

Welcome Speeches

- Enzo **BIANCO**, Mayor of Catania Municipality, Italy
- Nello **MUSUMECI**, President of the Sicilian Region, Italy

Keynote Addresses

-, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- Corina **CRETU**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy (video message)
- Karmenu **VELLA**, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (video message)
- Maria **SPIRAKI**, European Parliament, REGI Committee
- Stefano **PALMIERI**, European Economic and Social Committee
-, Committee of the Regions, Adriatic-Ionian Interregional Group

Panel Discussion – Ministers of the 8 EUSAIR Countries and European Commission Representative

FRIDAY, 25 MAY

11:00-13:15

Auditorium

EUSAIR PROSPECTS:

UNITED WE STAND, TOGETHER WE PROGRESS



Scope This Session is intended to foster a discussion on EUSAIR prospects. In the first panel, reporters from parallel sessions and side events will discuss the present of the EUSAIR, emerging challenges and areas of potential cooperation. In the second panel, key stakeholders will discuss the functioning of EU macro-regional strategies and their prospects/roles within the post-2020 programming period. An open discussion will conclude the session.

Moderator

- Francesca **FANUELE**, Journalist

Panel Discussion with Reporters from Parallel Sessions and Side Events (60 minutes)

Panel Discussion: What future for the macro-regional strategies? (45 minutes)

Open Discussion and Summing-up (30 minutes)

FRIDAY, 25 MAY

13:15-13:45

Auditorium

CLOSING OF THE 3rd EUSAIR FORUM

Scope During the Closing Session of the 3rd EUSAIR FORUM, the National Representatives from the Countries composing the “Trio of Presidency” and the European Commission will discuss the achievements of the year and the work ahead. The Session will be concluded with the handover of the EUSAIR Presidency from Italy to Montenegro.

Closing Remarks: European Commission

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Closing Remarks: EUSAIR Trio Presidency

- Vassilis **TSELIOS**, EUSAIR National Coordinator, Greece
- Nicola **FAVIA**, EUSAIR National Coordinator, Italy
- Jelena **BURZAN**, EUSAIR National Coordinator, Montenegro

IT Presidency Handover to Montenegro

-, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
-, Minister of European Affairs, Montenegro



PARALLEL SESSIONS

THURSDAY, 24 MAY

17:00-19:00

Auditorium

A NEW VISION OF TRANSPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COHESION

Scope The Trans-European Transport (TEN-T) core network contributes to providing sustainable and clean mobility solutions. Transport needs are rapidly evolving; digital transformation, environmental and social challenges require to upgrade projects and policies. TEN-T ought to extend the network to include South-East Europe, and embrace Eastern and Mediterranean partnerships. A new vision of an intermodal, interconnected, safe, secure and efficient transport system driven could be a first step towards the identification of needs and mobility solutions to foster development and cohesion, under respect of the EU principles of sustainability. Prospects, opportunities, intermediate results and expected outcomes will be discussed with a view to a time horizon up to the year 2030 and even beyond that date.

Chair

- Pierluigi **COPPOLA**, Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport, Italy

Keynote Address

- TBA

Panel

- Alain **BARON**, Directorate General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission
- Dejan **LASICA**, South-East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO) Secretariat
- Christos **LAMPRIDIS**, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Greece
- Carlo **FORTUNA**, Director of International Relations and Strategic Infrastructure, Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region, Italy
- Franc **ŽEPIČ**, Ministry of Infrastructure, Slovenia

Open Discussion

THURSDAY, 24
MAY

17:00-19:00

Santo Mazarino

ENERGY NETWORKS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND MARKET INTEGRATION

Scope Well-interconnected and well-functioning energy markets are necessary preconditions for improving competitiveness, supply security and environmental sustainability. Instead, energy markets in the Macro-Region remain fragmented; integrating them into the wider European energy market will improve the resilience of the energy system and enhance economic and social development. Interconnecting the electricity grids, developing natural gas transmission-and-storage



infrastructure, enabling for cross-border energy exchange, and establishing trading and auctioning platforms will improve the reliability and quality of energy services. Policy measures and projects will be presented for new energy infrastructure and facilities as needed by the Macro-Region. Prospects, opportunities and bottlenecks will be discussed.

Chair

- Mirjana **FILIPOVIĆ**, State Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Serbia

Keynote Address

- TBA

Panel

- Gilberto **DIALUCE**, Director General, Energy Supply Security and Infrastructures, Ministry of Economic Development, Italy
- Janez **KOPAČ**, Director, Energy Community
- Nebojša **NAKICENOVIĆ**, Deputy Director General, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
- Alberto **POTOTSCHNIG**, Director, Agency for Cooperation of Energy Regulators
- , Terna SpA, Italy
- , European Commission

Open Discussion

FRIDAY, 25 MAY

09:00-10:30

Coro di Notte

FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLUE GROWTH

Scope In this parallel session, financial partners, Managing Authorities of Interreg Programmes and EUSAIR stakeholders will discuss the Strategy objectives and explore financial instruments of national and international financial institutions. The Workshop will dedicate a specific focus on Interreg and H2020 Programmes' next calls to enhance cooperation between EUSAIR and EU Programmes' Authorities.

Chair

- Sofia **LOUKMIDOU**, Managing Authority of the Fisheries and Maritime Operational Programme, Ministry for Rural Development and Food, Greece

Keynote Address

- Christos **ECONOMOU**, Head of Unit, DG MARE – European Commission
Topic: "EU policy for maritime areas: Synergy between EUSAIR and EMFF"

Panelists

- Fabio **FAVA**, Professor, University of Bologna, Italy
Topic: "Opportunities for financing Research and Blue Innovation within Horizon 2020"
- Emilio **FORTUNATO CAMPANA**, Blue Italian Growth, Italy
Topic: "A new opportunity for Integrated Maritime Policy: The technological national cluster of Blue Italian Growth – BIG"



- Petros **KOKKALIS**, Executive City Councillor, Growth & Entrepreneurship, Piraeus, Greece
Topic: "Funding opportunities for local Blue Growth Strategies – The Piraeus case"
- Silvia **MAJER**, Director, Managing Authority of the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme
Topic: "Italy-Croatia CBC Programme: On-going and planned activities to increase the prosperity and the blue growth potential of the area"
- Mauro **NOVELLO**, Coordinator, Joint Secretariat *IPA* Italy-Albania-Montenegro Programme
Topic: "Creating the framework conditions for blue growth"
- Apostolos **SIGOURAS**, KPMG – ECOMASYN (Eco-Marine Synergies).
Topic: "Green Shipping in Europe and available Financing Opportunities"

Open Discussion

FRIDAY, 25 MAY

09:00-10:30

Auditorium

FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTING THE REGION: TRANSPORT AND ENERGY NETWORKS

Scope Financial instruments from different sources (such as EU funds, international financing institutes, foreign direct investment, official development aid, government and private financing) will be presented and discussed. The main focus will be on the financial blending to enact and implement projects in maritime transport, intermodal transport for hinterland connections and energy networks identified by TSG2 for implementing the EUSAIR Action Plan.

Chair

Panel

Open Discussion

FRIDAY, 25 MAY

09:00-10:30

Refettorio Piccolo

FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Scope This Session will focus on examples of projects responding to the Environmental Quality priorities endorsed by TSG3 and on potential financing opportunities.

The Session is aimed at:

- Presenting environmental quality priorities with gaps and issues identified in the Macro-Region, to be addressed by forthcoming projects in the field of Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Maritime Spatial Planning, Monitoring of Protected Species, Natural Habitats Protection, large-scale pollution contingency plan;
- Discussing projects developed in the Adriatic-Ionian Region contributing to the objectives pursued by the EU, the international environmental policy/legislation and, in particular, to Marine Strategy Framework Directive/Barcelona Convention objectives and to Sustainable Development Goal 14 of the 2030 Agenda;



- Identifying financing sources for projects based on Environmental Quality priorities, with a specific focus on EU direct funds.

The Session will dedicate a specific focus on the alignment between TSG3 priorities and ETC/IPA Programmes, and give visibility to future project funding initiatives and calls.

Chair

- Oliviero **MONTANARO**, Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy

Keynote Addresses

- Mitja **BRICELJ**, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia
- Senad **OPRAŠIČ**, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Panelists

- Ivana **STOJANOVIĆ** – Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro
Topic: ICZM and MSP – The case of Montenegro
- Giacomo **LUCIANI**, European Commission, DG Environment
Topic: Examples of EU funding opportunities for EUSAIR projects related to environmental quality
- Iztok **ŠKERLIČ**, EUSAIR Facility Point, Slovenia
Topic: Project development in EUSAIR Pillar 3, experience of EUSAIR Facility Point support,
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Open Discussion

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| FRIDAY, 25 MAY 09:00-10:30 Santo Mazzarino | FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM |
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Scope

Chair

Panel

Open Discussion



SIDE EVENTS

MONDAY, 21 MAY

15:00 - 19:00

Palazzo Platamone

SICILY, MALTA, TUNISIA: EXPERIENCE AND PROSPECTS OF MARITIME COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Scope

Registration

Official Welcome

Keynote Addresses

- Vincenzo **FALGARES**, Managing Authority, Italy-Malta INTERREG V-A and Italy-Tunisia IEV CBC 2014-2020, Italy
-, National Coordination Authority, Italy-Malta INTERREG V-A OP, Malta
- Fethi **BEN MIMOUN**, Tunisia National Authority, Italy-Tunisia IEV CBC OP, Tunisia
- Nicola **FAVIA**, Department for Cohesion Policies, Italy

Thematic Panels

Presentation

-, Service V – European Territorial Cooperation, Sicilian Region, Italy

Moderators

- Rosario **SAPIENZA**, Italy-Tunisia Joint Secretariat
- Marco **SAMBATARO**, Italy-Malta INTERREG Joint Secretariat

SECURITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Chair

- Giuseppe **CIRAULO**, University of Palermo, Italy

Panel

- Calogero **FOTI**, Civil Protection Department, Sicilian Region, Italy
- Aldo **DRAGO**, University of Malta

ENVIRONMENT, BIODIVERSITY, NATURAL SOURCES

Chair

- Rosario **SINATRA**, University of Catania, Italy

Panel

- Giuseppe **BATTAGLIA**, Director General, Environment Department, Sicilian Region, Italy
- Andrea **SANTULLI**, University of Palermo, Italy
- Antonietta **CRISTAUDDO**, University of Catania, Italy
- Giovanni **CURATOLO**, University of Palermo, Italy

MARKET INTEGRATION



Chair

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Panel

- Lucia **DI FATTA**, Regional Department of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment, Sicilian Region , Italy
- Giuseppe **RALLO**, ARCES University College, Italy
- Fabio **MONTAGNINO**, ARCA Consortium, Italy

Open Discussion

Summing-up

- Vincenzo **FALGARES** – Managing Authority, Italy-Malta INTERREG V-A and Italy-Tunisia 2014-2020 IEV CBC, Italy
Topic: “Reflections on the future of the Sicilian Region in post-2020 European Territorial Cooperation”

TUESDAY, 22 MAY

09:30 – 17:30

Palazzo Platamone

DEVELOPMENTAL TRAJECTORIES FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN

Scope Cooperation Programmes among Countries bordering the Mediterranean demonstrate that the strategies implemented by each Country (national, regional and local public institutions) can be effectively implemented through partnerships able to develop synergy and complementarities to increase the ETC added value. Italy’s Agency for Territorial Cohesion, the Department for Cohesion Policies, Emilia Romagna Region, and ERVET, proceed along the path launched on the European Cooperation Day (21 September 2017) and promote a day of European level debate on the issue of basin and maritime cooperation. Representatives from the European Commission, EU Member States, pre-accession Countries, and international organisations will be invited to intervene. The aim is to collect suggestions and reflections on the topic, with particular attention to the obstacles and possible solutions to improve maritime cooperation in Europe.

WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY

09:30 – 17:00

Palazzo Platamone

INTERREG V-B ADRIATIC-IONIAN PROGRAMME – ADRION FIRST ANNUAL FORUM “A VIEW AHEAD TOGETHER”

Welcome speech

- Francesco Raphael **FRIERI**, ADRION Managing Authority

First ADRION Report (2015-2018): Where we do stand?

- Lodovico **GHERARDI**, ADRION Managing Authority
- Barbara **DI PIAZZA**, ADRION Joint Secretariat



ADRION Contribution to Strengthening Trust across Borders and Fostering European Integration

ETC Transnational Programmes in the post-2020 Programming Period

ADRION Implementer of EUSAIR Macro-Regional Strategy

Summing-up

Farewell Cocktail

THURSDAY, 24 MAY

9:00-12:45

Santo Mazzarino

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Scope This Workshop aims to present an overview of existing initiatives and opportunities for promotion of R&I activities and investments in the Adriatic-Ionian Macro-Region.

The Session will look into the initiatives and tools to support R&I investments at macro-regional level, with particular reference to the indicative actions defined in the EUSAIR Action Plan and possible synergy between ESIF and direct thematic funds (e.g. H2020).

Special attention will be devoted to Smart Specialisation Strategies, an approach extensively applied within EU regional and cohesion policies, which could be progressively extended and aligned at macro-regional level.

Specific examples of national and regional S3s will be presented to promote a debate on possible strategic priorities on which to focus R&I investments at a macro-regional level capitalising on existing initiatives and clusters. Eventually, the Session will present specific pilot projects and interregional cooperation initiatives aimed at supporting clusters and regional eco-systems on smart specialisation.

Chair

Panel

Open Discussion

THURSDAY, 24 MAY

9:00-12:45

Coro di Notte

TERRITORIAL POTENTIALS CONNECTED TO MIGRATION FLOWS

Scope The Adriatic-Ionian area faces substantial inflows of migrants and refugees coming from non-EU Countries. The Side Event is aimed at:

- Providing relevant territorial evidence to raise knowledge on the territorial impact of different migration and refugee flows in the Adriatic-Ionian and Danube macro-regions, whether national or regional, and in transit.
- Presenting an overview of the recent migration and refugee flows in the Adriatic-Ionian and



Danube macro-regions. Capitalising on the dedicated ESPON 2020 Targeted Analysis, the Workshop will discuss the main driving forces affecting the geographical distribution of migrants, seeking to explain how migration affects the current socio-economic challenges while also offering opportunities.

- Discussing experiences of migrants' reception and integration policies with a specific focus on the activities undertaken by Interreg Programmes.

In view of the post-2020 programming period, the Event will host a debate on how different territories can overcome the challenges of unpredictable and large-scale inflows, promote social inclusion, and enhance their capacity to cope with migration and refugee challenges and opportunities within their strategic policy and development objectives.

Keynote Address

- Stefano **BIANCHINI**, University of Bologna, ESPON 2020 Targeted Analysis

Panel 1 European Territorial Cooperation and Migration Challenges

Moderator:

- Francesco **COCCO**, PANORAMED Cross-cutting Task on Migration

Panel 1

- Lodovico **GHERARDI**, ADRION Managing Authority, Lead Stakeholder of the ESPON Targeted Analysis
-, DG HOME, European Commission
- Martin **GAUK**, ESPON 2020 European Grouping on Territorial Cooperation, Project expert
- Giuseppe **SCIACCA**, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) – Intermediterranean Commission (IMC) – Task Force on Migrations
- Ivano **MAGAZZÙ**, INTERACT Migration Working Group
- Laura **COLINI**, Urbact III Programme – Environmental and territorial studies

Panel 2: Experiences on Migrants' Inclusion and Intercultural Dialogue

Moderator:

- Umberto **DE GIOVANNANGELO**, *LIMES*, Italy

Panel:

- _____ Ministry of the Interiors – “Legality” NOP Managing Authority, Italy
- Clara **ROSE**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- Nina **SANTISI**, Councillor for Social Policies – City of Messina, Arrival Cities Project: Building a multicultural smart inclusive community, Italy
- Enzo **FORTUNATO**, Director, *Francescanesimo e Accoglienza*, Italy
- Maria Cristina **MOLFETTA**, *Migrantes*, Italy
- Paolo **MOROZZO DELLA ROCCA**, *Comunità di Sant' Egidio*, Italy



Open Discussion

Summing-up

- Umberto **DE GIOVANNANGELO**, *LIMES*, Italy

THURSDAY, 24 MAY

9:00-12:45

Room A8

TERRITORIAL RESILIENCE TO NATURAL DISASTERS

Scope Catastrophic events such as earthquakes, floods and volcanic eruptions limit the stable development of the Macro-Region. In this Side Event, economic consequences of catastrophes are analysed to determine whether and how cohesion policies act to increase the resilience of these territories. Experiences, case-studies and best practices from the territories will be presented focusing on the policies and practices undertaken by Interreg Programmes. In view of the post-2020 programming period, the Side Event will host a debate on how different territories can overcome the challenges deriving from natural disasters within their respective strategic policy and development objectives.

Chair:

- Giovanni **DE SIERVO** / Carlo **CENTODUCATI**, National Civil Protection Department, Italy

Keynote Address

- Sandrine **LABORY**, University of Ferrara, Italy

Panel

- Enrico **COCCHI**, Regional Agency for Reconstruction, Emilia Romagna Region, Italy
- David **PICCININI**, Civil Protection and Safety Service, Marche Region, Italy
- , Sicilian Region – Civil Protection Department, Italy
- , Civil Protection, Greece
- , Civil Protection, Serbia
- , DG Env, European Commission

Open Discussion

THURSDAY, 24 MAY

9:00-12:45

Room A2

ECO-CONNECTIVITY

Scope The Session draws on the importance of EUSAIR Environmental Quality priorities on which the implemented activities are based, such as the presented AdrlonPAN Initiative in which efforts should be made to emphasise the importance of "eco-connectivity" and its implementation in future planning (ICZM and MSP) at national and regional level within the Adriatic-Ionian Region/EUSAIR. Green and Blue Corridors are key to more efficient cooperation in "eco-connectivity" implementation among



protected areas in AIR, Alps and Dinaric eco-regions.

Chair

- Mitja **BRICELJ**, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia
- Senad **OPRAŠIČ**, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Keynote Addresses

- Mitja **BRICELJ** (SLO) and dr. Senad **OPRAŠIČ** (BiH)
Topic: "Status and management of marine protected areas in the Adriatic-Ionian Region and eco-connectivity"
- Giovanni **ANTELM**I – *Torre Guaceto* Marine Protected Area
Topic: "Presentation of AdrlonPAN Project concept – A new recognised association that could encompass coastal and marine protected areas existing in the Adriatic-Ionian Region"

Open Discussion

THURSDAY, 24 MAY

10:30-12:45

Palazzo Platamone

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS (B2B)

Organised by Enterprise Europe Network and regional partners, *in primis Sicindustria* and *Consorzio Arca*, with the support of the European Commission/ DGGROW, the initiative aims to facilitate meetings and exchange between SMEs, universities, chambers of commerce, clusters and other stakeholders in the Adriatic and Ionian Region with the objective to find partners for new projects and/or explore new business opportunities. Within the framework of the EU China Tourism Year 2018 and in collaboration with these regional authorities, this year B2B will facilitate collaboration among Chinese businesses and stakeholders, and EU counterparts, primarily in the connectivity and tourism sectors.



EXHIBITORS

Interreg and Mainstream Programmes participating in the Forum will have the opportunity to use dedicated rooms for exhibition purposes and networking activities.

The following Programmes have confirmed their participation:

- IPA Italy-Albania-Montenegro
- Interreg Central Europe
- Interreg Italy-Croatia
- Interreg Italy-Malta
- ENI CBC Italy-Tunisia
- Interreg ADRION and Facility Point
- Interreg Greece-Italy
- EUROACCESS



3RD FORUM OF THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN REGION

CATANIA 24-25 MAY 2018



OUR REGION OUR FUTURE

MAIN CULTURAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS