

OVERVIEW OF THE FORUM

24 MAY	PALAZZO PLATAMONE	MONASTERO DEI BENEDETTINI DI SAN NICOLO' L'ARENA									
		AUDITORIUM	A1	A2	A3-A7	A8	A9	SANTO MAZZARINO	CORO DI NOTTE	CHIOSTRO LEVANTE	CHIOSTRO PONENTE
09:00-12:00	Registration Open										
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09:00-12:45	Business to Business (B2B)	Side Event Research and Innovation	Side Event Territorial Potentials connected to Migration Flows	Side Event Eco-Connectivity		Side Event Territorial Resilience to Natural Disasters	All Meeting All – TSG2				
12:45-13:45	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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8:00-14:00	Registration Open										
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 the City of Catania, Italy
- Sandro **PAPPALARDO** Minister of Tourism of the Sicilian Region, Italy (TBC)

Keynote Addresses

- Vincenzo **AMENDOLA** Under Secretary of State for 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)
- Michela **GIUFFRIDA** REGI Committee, European Parliament
- Stefano **PALMIERI** President ECO section, European Economic and Social Committee
- Nikola **DOBROSLAVIĆ** Committee of the Regions

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

- Iorgos **KATROUGALOS** Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic
- Boris **GRIGIC** Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs, Croatia
- Josip **GELO** Ambassador, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Gazmend **BARBULLUSHI** Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Albania
- Lena **ANDERSSON PENCH** DG REGIO, European Commission
- Iztok **MIROŠIČ** Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia
- Ivica **DACIC** Minister of Foreign Affairs, Serbia
- Srdjan **DARMANOVIC** Minister of Foreign Affairs, Montenegro
- Nicola **FAVIA** EUSAIR National Coordinator, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy



FRIDAY, 25 MAY

11:00-13:15

Auditorium

EUSAIR PROSPECTS:

UNITED WE STAND, TOGETHER WE PROGRESS

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: The status of the Strategy (60 minutes)

- Reporters from Parallel Sessions and Side Events answer to questions posed by the moderator and by one another

Panel Discussion: What future for macro-regional strategies? (60 minutes)

- Commission representative and National Coordinators answer to questions posed by:
The moderator (45 minutes)
The public (15 minutes)

Summing-up – Trio of Presidency (15 minutes)

- Vassilis **TSELIOS** EUSAIR National Coordinator, Greece
- Nicola **FAVIA** EUSAIR National Coordinator, Italy
- Ivan **IVANIŠEVIĆ** EUSAIR National Coordinator, Montenegro

FRIDAY, 25 MAY

13:15-13:45

Auditorium

CLOSING OF THE 3rd EUSAIR FORUM

During the Closing Session of the 3rd EUSAIR FORUM, the National Representatives from the **Italian Presidency of the Strategy** 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.

Moderator

- Francesca **FANUELE** Journalist

Closing Remarks by the European Commission

- Bernhard **FRIESS** Director, DG MARE, European Commission



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OUR REGION OUR FUTURE

Closing Remarks by the Italian Presidency of the Strategy

- Giuseppe **CAVAGNA** EUSAIR National Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- Nicola **FAVIA** EUSAIR National Coordinator, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy

IT Presidency Handover to Montenegro

- TBA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- Ivan **IVANISEVIC** Director General for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Montenegro

Farewell



PARALLEL SESSIONS

THURSDAY, 24 MAY

17:00-19:00

Auditorium

A NEW VISION OF TRANSPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COHESION

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 could be a first step towards the identification of needs and mobility solutions to foster development and cohesion, in respect of the EU principle 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 Infrastructure and Transport, Italy

Panel

- Alain **BARON** DG MOVE, European Commission
- Dejan **LASICA** South-East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO) Secretariat
- Christos **LAMPRIDIS** Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy, Greece
- Carlo **FORTUNA** Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Italy
- Franc **ŽEPIČ** Ministry of Infrastructure, Slovenia

Open Discussion (30 minutes)

Summing-up

THURSDAY, 24 MAY

17:00-19:00

Santo Mazzarino

ENERGY NETWORKS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND MARKET INTEGRATION

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** Ministry of Energy and Mines, Serbia

Keynote Address

- Megan **RICHARDS** DG ENG, European Commission
- Urban **RUŠNAK** Energy Charter Secretariat

Panel

- Gaetano **MAZZITELLI**, Snam SpA, Italy
- Dirk **BUSCHLE** Energy Community
- Carlo **CREA** Terna SpA, Italy
- Elsa **LOVERDOU** Depa, SA, Greece
- Colin **WOLFE** European Commission

Open Discussion (30 minutes)

Summing-up

FRIDAY, 25 MAY

09:00-10:30

Coro di Notte

FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLUE GROWTH

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** Ministry for Rural Development and Food, Greece

Keynote Address

- Christos **ECONOMOU** DG MARE, European Commission

Panelists

- Fabio **FAVA** University of Bologna, Italy
- Emilio Fortunato **CAMPANA** Blue Italian Growth, Italy
- Petros **KOKKALIS** Piraeus, Greece
- Silvia **MAJER** Managing Authority of the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme
- Mauro **NOVELLO** JS IPA Italy-Albania-Montenegro Programme
- Apostolos **SIGOURAS** KPMG – ECOMASYN (Eco-Marine Synergies).

Open Discussion (15 minutes)

Summing-up



FRIDAY, 25 MAY

09:00-10:30

Auditorium

FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTING THE REGION: TRANSPORT AND ENERGY NETWORKS

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 areas such as maritime transport, intermodal transport for hinterland connections, and energy networks identified by TSG2 for implementing the EUSAIR Action Plan.

Chair

- Colin **WOLFE** DG NEAR, European Commission

Panel

- Alain **BARON** DG MOVE, European Commission
- Mario **DI CIOMMO** European Affairs, *Cassa Depositi e Prestiti*, Italy
- Monika **SCHÖNERKLEE-GRASSER** Interreg Central Europe JS
- Donald **MISHAXHIU** European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- Kojakovic **VLAHO** European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- Francesco **FRIERI** DG ADRION Managing Authority, Italy
- Andrea **BUA** European Investment Bank
- Maria **SPYRAKI** REGI Committee, European Parliament, Greece

Open Discussion (15 minutes)

Summing-up

FRIDAY, 25 MAY

09:00-10:30

Refettorio Piccolo

FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

This Session will focus on examples of projects responding to the Environmental Quality priorities endorsed by TSG3 and on potential financing opportunities. Furthermore, the Session is aimed at: (i) 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; (ii) 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; and (iii) identifying financing sources for projects based on Environmental Quality priorities, with specific focus on EU direct funds. Finally, 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

- Tina **CENTRIH GENOV** Institute for Nature Conservation, Slovenia
- Gabino Gonzalez **DEOGRACIA** Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea
- Jacques **GANOULIS** Ministry of Environment and Energy, Greece
- Giacomo **LUCIANI** DG ENV, European Commission
- Peter **MACKELWORTH** Blue World Institute of Marine Research and Conservation, Croatia
- Iztok **ŠKERLIČ** EUSAIR Facility Point, Slovenia
- Ivana **STOJANOVIĆ** Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro

Open Discussion (15 minutes)

Summing-up

FRIDAY, 25 MAY

09:00-10:30

Santo Mazzarino

FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

In light of the two major 2018 EU Initiatives (the EU-China Tourism Year; and the EU-Year of Cultural Heritage), EUSAIR/Pillar IV (Sustainable Tourism) is of a particular significance. The Workshop will highlight available financing opportunities to fund Sustainable Tourism projects and process in the Adriatic-Ionian Region. The Session aims to promote the financial dialogue among EUSAIR actors; EU funds managers; the Council of Europe; and Operational Programmes' Managing Authorities (in particular Interreg programmes). The Workshop will result in possible solutions for enhanced and continuous financial dialogue between EUSAIR and available funding for successful investments in sustainable and responsible tourism, cultural heritage, and creative industries.

Chair

- Jean-Pierre **HALKIN** Head of Unit, DG REGIO, European Commission

Opening remarks

- Sandro **PAPPALARDO** Minister of Tourism Sicilian Region, Italy

Key note address

- Senka **DANIEL** Ministry of Tourism, Croatia

Panellists

- Nicola **AIMI** DG REGIO, European Commission
- Jader **CANÈ** DG EMPL, European Commission
- Giuliana **DE FRANCESCO** Ministry of Tourism, Italy
- Annamaria **ZONNO** DG RTD, European Commission
- TBA European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- TBA B2B representative



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Questions asked by the Chair, stakeholders and representatives of operating programmes:

- Angeliki **BOUZIANI** Managing Authority of ETC Programmes, Greece
- Tanya **DIMITROVA** DG NEAR, European Commission
- Mislav **KOVAČ** Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, Croatia
- Cinzia **TEGONI** DG AGR, European Commission
- TBA Managing authority ADRION
- TBA Managing Authority of the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme
- TBA Managing authority of Interreg Europe 2014-2020

Open Discussion (15 minutes)

Summing-up



SIDE EVENTS

MONDAY, 21 MAY

15:00 - 18:00

Palazzo Platamone

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

Organised by the Department of Programming of the Sicilian Region (Managing Authority of Italy-Malta Interreg-VA and Italy-Tunisia ENI CBC 2014/2020 programmes), this Event aims to raise discussion among relevant regional partners on the future of European Territorial Cooperation in post-2020 Central Mediterranean area. The purpose is to focus on the experiences of Italy-Malta and Italy-Tunisia programmes in the key sectors that best embody the values of cross-border maritime cooperation, in order to enhance the results obtained so far and take concrete ideas for future planning. The three selected macro-themes are as follows: (i) Environment, biodiversity, management of natural resources; (ii) Market integration; and (iii) Security and risk management. The results of this reflection will underlie the consultations provided for in the reorganisation of Interreg and ENI post-2020 territorial cooperation instruments.

TUESDAY, 22 MAY

09:30 – 17:30

Palazzo Platamone

DEVELOPMENTAL TRAJECTORIES FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN

Organised by the Italian Agency for Territorial Cohesion, this Event starts from the consideration that 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 jointly proceed along the path launched on the European Cooperation Day 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”



Organised by ADRION Managing Authority, this Event starts from the consideration that, although recently approved (20 October 2015), the ADRION transnational programme has already become the more direct supporter of the European Union Strategy for Adriatic-Ionian Region (EUSAIR). The Event aims at deepening the dialogue among relevant stakeholders on key topics relevant to the Macro-Region and is structured on three sessions: (i) ADRION contribution to strengthening trust across borders and fostering European integration; (ii) European Territorial Cooperation transnational programmes in the post-2020 programming period; and (iii) ADRION as implementer of the EUSAIR macro-regional strategy. The ADRION event will be a crucial moment to discuss and establish a mainstream point of view on the future of the European Union in South-Eastern Europe.

THURSDAY, 24 MAY

9:00-12:45

Palazzo Platamone

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS (B2B)

Organised by Enterprise Europe Network and regional partners, *in primis Sicindustria* and *Consortio Arca*, with the support of the European Commission (DG GROW), 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.

THURSDAY, 24 MAY

9:00-12:45

Auditorium

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The purpose of the workshop is to stimulate the debate on how to promote Research and Innovation (R&I) in the Adriatic-Ionian Macro-Region. Starting from an introduction on the European strategic framework, the session will look into some existing initiatives and tools to support R&I investments at macro-regional level, focusing on the indicative actions defined in the EUSAIR Action Plan and on possible synergies between ESIF and direct thematic funds (e.g. H2020, COSME). Special attention will be devoted to Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3), a new approach that is key for the development and implementation of innovation strategies. Based on collaborative and participatory processes, S3 facilitate demand driven innovation and collective solutions within quadruple helix innovation ecosystems. Interregional cooperation based on S3 has the potential to connect innovation ecosystems, complementary skills, infrastructure and markets. Nevertheless, the challenge is to promote investment synergies between the private and public sectors and to build interregional competitive value chains. In a phase of transition between two programming periods, this workshop will develop the following topics: (i) key role of Smart Specialisation in the future programming period; (ii) the importance of innovation ecosystems; (iii) how to reinforce innovation capacities and innovation ecosystems in the “widening areas”; (iv) the role of networks as system integrators; (v) Funding synergies and governance of the Macroregion; (vi) concrete interregional cooperation initiatives and



pilot projects; (vii) Possible strategic priorities to focus macro-regional R&I investments; (viii) how to involve the industry and SMEs in the implementation of Macroregional Strategies; (ix) how to stimulate interregional innovation investments; (x) The role of EU financial instruments to enhance R&I in the macroregion.

Chair

- Aleš **GNAMUŠ** Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Smart Specialisation, innovation ecosystems, reinforcing innovation capacities and funding synergies

- Enrico **PADULA** Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- Valentina **PINNA** Vanguard Initiative for New Growth through Smart Specialisation, Italy
- Annamaria **ZONNO** DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Initiatives from clusters and research systems

- TBA Open Innovation System in the Adriatic-Ionian Region
- Lucio **SABBADINI** Maritime Technology Cluster, Blue Growth Cluster, Italy
- Mario **GIORDANO** UNIADRION, Italy

Boosting public-private Investments - How to better use of existing European opportunities

- Draško **VESELINOVIČ** Business & Research Association, Slovenia
- Angelos **MANGLIS** Atlantis S.A., Greece
- Andrea **BUA** European Investment Bank

Open Discussion (30 minutes)

Summing Up

- Aleš **GNAMUŠ** Joint Research Centre, European Commission

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9:00-12:45

Room A1

TERRITORIAL POTENTIALS CONNECTED TO MIGRATION FLOWS

The Adriatic-Ionian macro-region faces substantial inflows of migrants and refugees coming from non-EU Countries. The Side Event is aimed at: (i) 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; (ii) 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; and (iii) 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, Italy

European Territorial Cooperation and Migration Challenges

Moderator:

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

Panel

- Giovanni **CIOFFI** DG HOME, European Commission
- Laura **COLINI** Urbact III Programme
- Martin **GAUK** ESPON 2020
- Lodovico **GHERARDI** ADRION Managing Authority
- Ivano **MAGAZZÙ** INTERACT
- Giuseppe **SCIACCA** Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions

Experiences on Migrants' Inclusion and Intercultural Dialogue

Moderator:

- Stefano **BIANCHINI** University of Bologna, Italy

Panel:

- TBA, Ministry of the Interiors, Italy (TBC)
- Maria Cristina **MOLFETTA** Foundation Migrantes, Italy
- Nina **SANTISI** City of Messina, Italy

Open Discussion (30 minutes)

Summing Up

THURSDAY, 24 MAY

9:00-12:45

Room A8

TERRITORIAL RESILIENCE TO NATURAL DISASTERS

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:

- Andrea **DURO** National Civil Protection Department, Italy

Keynote Address

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

Panel



- Enrico **COCCHI** Emilia Romagna Region, Italy
- David **PICCININI** Marche Region, Italy
- Calogero **FOTI** Sicilian Region, Italy (TBC)

Open Discussion (30 minutes)

Summing Up

THURSDAY, 24 MAY

9:00-12:45

Room A2

ECO-CONNECTIVITY

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
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Keynote Addresses

- Mitja **BRICELJ** Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia
- Senad **OPRAŠIČ** Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Carlo **FRANZOSINI** / Saul **CIRIACO** Miramare Marine Protected Area, Italy
- Giovanni **ANTELM** Torre Guaceto Marine Protected Area, Italy
- Tina **CENTRIH GENOV** Institute for Nature Conservation, Slovenia

Open Discussion (30 minutes)

Summing Up



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 CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro
- Interreg Central Europe
- Interreg Italy-Croatia
- Interreg Italy-Malta
- ENI CBC Italy-Tunisia
- Interreg ADRION and Facility Point
- Interreg Greece-Italy
- Interreg ESPON 2020
- EUROACCESS

MAIN CULTURAL AND SOCIAL EVENT

The Minister for Tourism, Sports and Entertainment of the Sicilian Region, Hon. Sandro Pappalardo, is honoured to invite You to:

Teatro Massimo Vincenzo Bellini

(founded 1890)

via Giuseppe Perrotta, 12
95131 Catania

Thursday, 24 May 2018

9:30 p.m.

OPERA SYMPHONIES performed by Orchestra del Teatro Massimo V. Bellini of Catania

Programme

GIOACCHINO ROSSINI *Sinfonia della Gazza Ladra*
Sinfonia del Guglielmo Tell

GIUSEPPE VERDI *Sinfonia del Nabucco*

PIETRO MASCAGNI *Intermezzo della Cavalleria Rusticana*

VINCENZO BELLINI *Sinfonia del Pirata*



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ALEXANDER BORODIN Overture del Principe Igor

VINCENZO BELLINI Sinfonia della Norma

Evening dress recommended