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Connecting South-East Europe:
vision and challenges of EUSAIR,
the European Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region

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THE EU MACROREGIONAL STRATEGY

A 'Macroregional strategy' is an integrated framework endorsed to address common challenges faced by a defined geographical area relating to Member States and third countries located in the same geographical area which thereby benefit from strengthened cooperation contributing to achievement of economic, social and territorial cohesion.
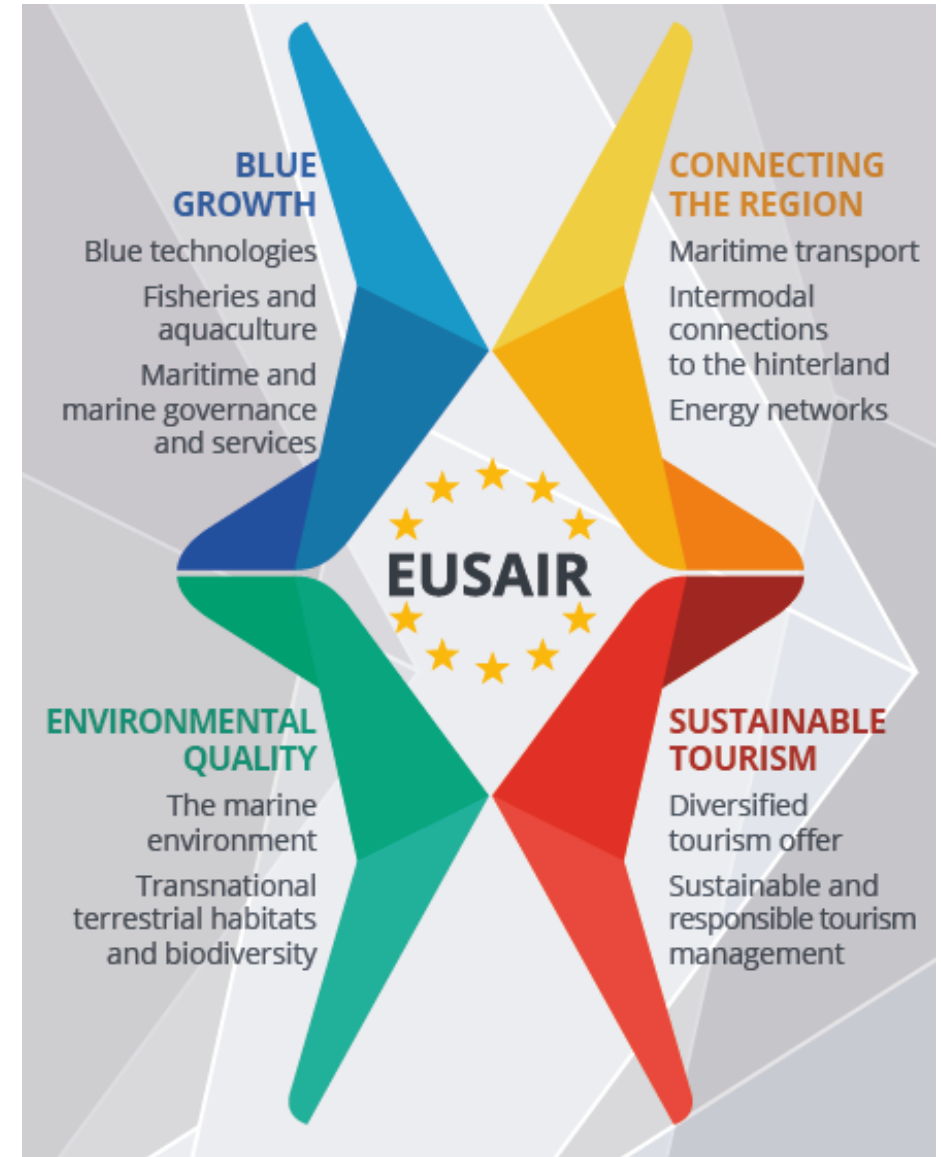
THE EUSAIR STRATEGY

- to promote economic growth and cohesion in the region by improving its attractiveness, competitiveness and connectivity

- 4 EU and 5 non-EU Countries for contributing to further integration of the Western Balkans.

4 thematic areas/pillars

BLUE GROWTH
Blue technologies
Fisheries and aquaculture
Maritime and marine governance and services

CONNECTING THE REGION
Maritime transport
Intermodal connections to the hinterland
Energy networks

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
The marine environment
Transnational terrestrial habitats and biodiversity

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM
Diversified tourism offer
Sustainable and responsible tourism management

PILLAR 2: CONNECTING THE REGION

Mission:

- *Contribute to build up one cohesive and connected European Region, sharing actions and solutions for sustainable transport*
- *Stimulate policy dialogue between decision-makers, industries, universities and the civil society in the Adriatic-Ionian Region*

Our Vision is to provide:

- *An instrument for policy makers to listen to the needs of territories*
- *A place where stakeholders' and citizens' mobility needs shape the political vision*
- *An instrument for creating, testing and adapting solutions to the mobility needs of the Adriatic-Ionian region*

Transport Priority Actions

Pillar 2 Overall Goal

To improve connectivity within the Region and with the rest of Europe in terms of transport and energy networks

MARITIME TRANSPORT

- Improving and harmonising traffic monitoring and management
- Developing ports, optimising port interfaces, infrastructures and procedures/operations

INTERMODAL CONNECTIONS

- Developing the Western Balkans comprehensive network
- Developing motorways of the sea
- Cross-border facilitation

Strategy Implementation

1. **Identification** of projects relevant for the Adriatic-Ionian region development ("EUSAIR *labelling*")

2. **Monitoring** the Implementation

3. **Involvement** of stakeholders and financial institutions for attracting investments

Project Labelling

INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS

1 Upgrading of Trieste Port (railway infrastructures)
2 Heavy vehicle road, connecting the TEN-T Port of Bari, Interporto (intermodal terminal) and the main road system
7 Hydro-technical and dredge excavation on critical sectors on the Sava river
9 Improving Motorways of the sea Venice Patras (MoS Venice-Patras)
10 Preparation of project documentation for construction of highway E-761 Pozega-Užice-Kotroman (Bosnia and Herzegovina Border)
11 Feasibility study for Adriatic-Ionian Highway/expressway
12 Reconstruction and modernization of railway line Beograd-Bar (E79)
13 Technical studies on railway missing link between Greece - Albania (section Florina -Pogradec)
14 Second Railway track Divača - Port of Koper
15 Upgrading of Rijeka Port
16 Reconstruction and upgrading of functional facilities in the Port of Brčko
17 Motorway section Križišće - Žuta Lokva 56 km
18 Lika and Dalmatian Railway
19 MOBILITY ON THE IONIAN COAST (COMOBILION)
20 MOBILITY ON THE IONIAN COAST + (COMOBILION+)
21 ADRIETA – Adriatic/Ionian Multimodal Corridor
24 Improvement of port capacity and port services for Cruise Shipping
25 Construction of new passenger terminals in the Port of Corfu
26 Upgrading of freight infrastructure and services at the Port of Patras
27 Completion of Igoumenitsa Freight Village infrastructure and services
28 Multimodal Northern Adriatic Corridor
29 Multimodal Central Adriatic Corridor
30 Upgrading Palermo - Catania - Messina railways on the ScanMed Corridor
31 Improvement of the connections between the Po River navigation network and the Adriatic Sea
37 Preparation of project documentation for construction of highway E-763 Pozega-Boljare (Montenegro Border) –Bar
38 Reconstruction and modernization of railway line Beograd-Zagreb
39 Construction of motorway Niš-Merdere-Priština
40 Port of Koper. Pier I – core network: accessibility and intermodality
41 Port of Koper. Basin III – MoS: accessibility and intermodality
42 Port of Koper. Basin II – core network: maritime accessibility

SOFT MEASURES

3 ADRIPASS (Integrating multimodal connections in the Adriatic-Ionian region)
4 MultiAPPRO (Multidisciplinary approach and solutions to develop intermodal transport in the Region)
5 EUREKA - EURopean nEtworK of Maritime Administrations in the Adriatic-Ionian Region
6 LNG NET MED (connecing public and private operators for the deployment of LNG as sustainable alternative fuel for intermodal transport)
8 AWATRAIN (Adriatic Water Train. Fluvio-maritime transport plan for the Northern Adriatic sea)
22 Adriatic/Ionian small ports network
23 Adriatic/Ionian port observatory
32 ADRIATIC-IONIAN Cycle Route (ADRIOCYRO)
33 CROSSMOBY - "Cross border sustainable mobility planning and passenger transport services based on intermodality"
34 DNA Link
35 Sea Lighthouse (Fari di Mare) "Sustainable Extension of Adriatic Sea-TRansports in hinterLand areas
36 ECO-ROUTES
43 SMA Vessel traffic monitoring centre upgrade

44 projects

EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Regi EUSAIR

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European Regional Development Fund - Instrument for Pre-Accession II Fund
EUSAIR FACILITY POINT

The EUSAIR Transport Masterplan

Conceived as a dynamic tool for **joint planning** transport infrastructures in the AI Region, the Masterplan aims at implementing the EUSAIR Strategy through the **identification and prioritization** of projects in the framework of a **shared vision,** facilitating the activation of **adequate resources** for innovative up-to-date projects and mobility policies.
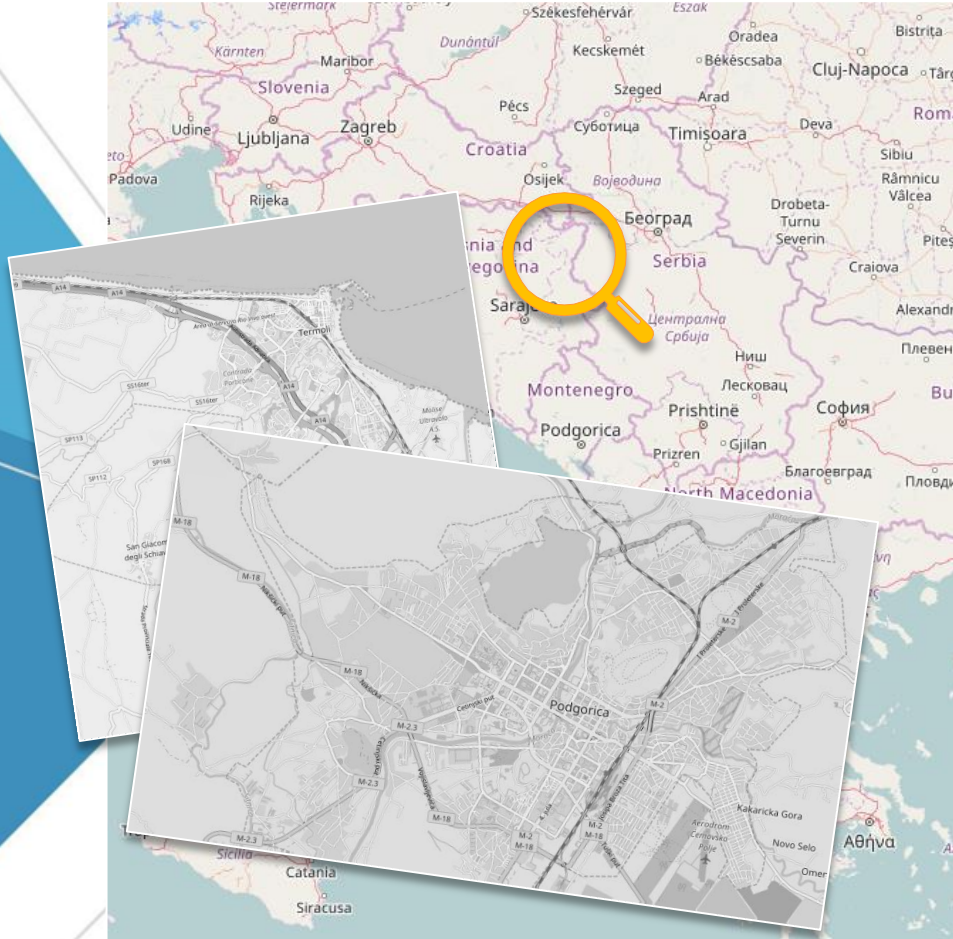
The EUSAIR Transport Masterplan

Supporting
the EU Commission in the implementation of TEN-T network in South-East Europe

Promoting
EUSAIR Countries priorities within a common and shared strategic framework

Prioritising
actions and measures, pointing out synergic effects while settings timelines
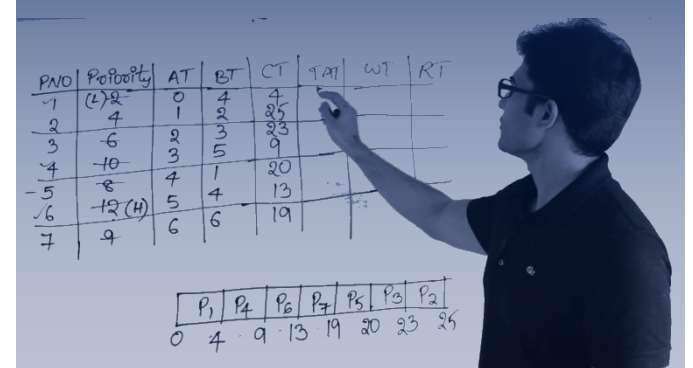
Identification of Infrastructural gaps
(Roads)

Labelled Projects*

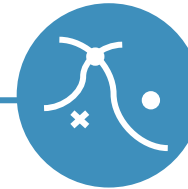|	
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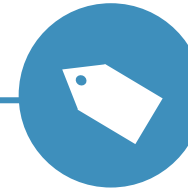*Soft measures not included, unless precisely located on the map*

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The Roadmap

Proposed Priorities for EU programming period 2021-2027

1. Harmonised, environmental-friendly and inclusive maritime transport system in the Adriatic-Ionian Region

a) Boost transport digitalization promoting e-Maritime and VTMIS solutions to simplify and streamline procedures and processes of maritime and intermodal transport at the regional scale;

b) Support the implementation of ICT infrastructure at nodes and along logistics chains, as well as systems interoperability in the Adriatic-Ionian region;

c) Deploy telematic applications to improve safety and security of transport operations.

Proposed Priorities for EU programming period 2021-2027

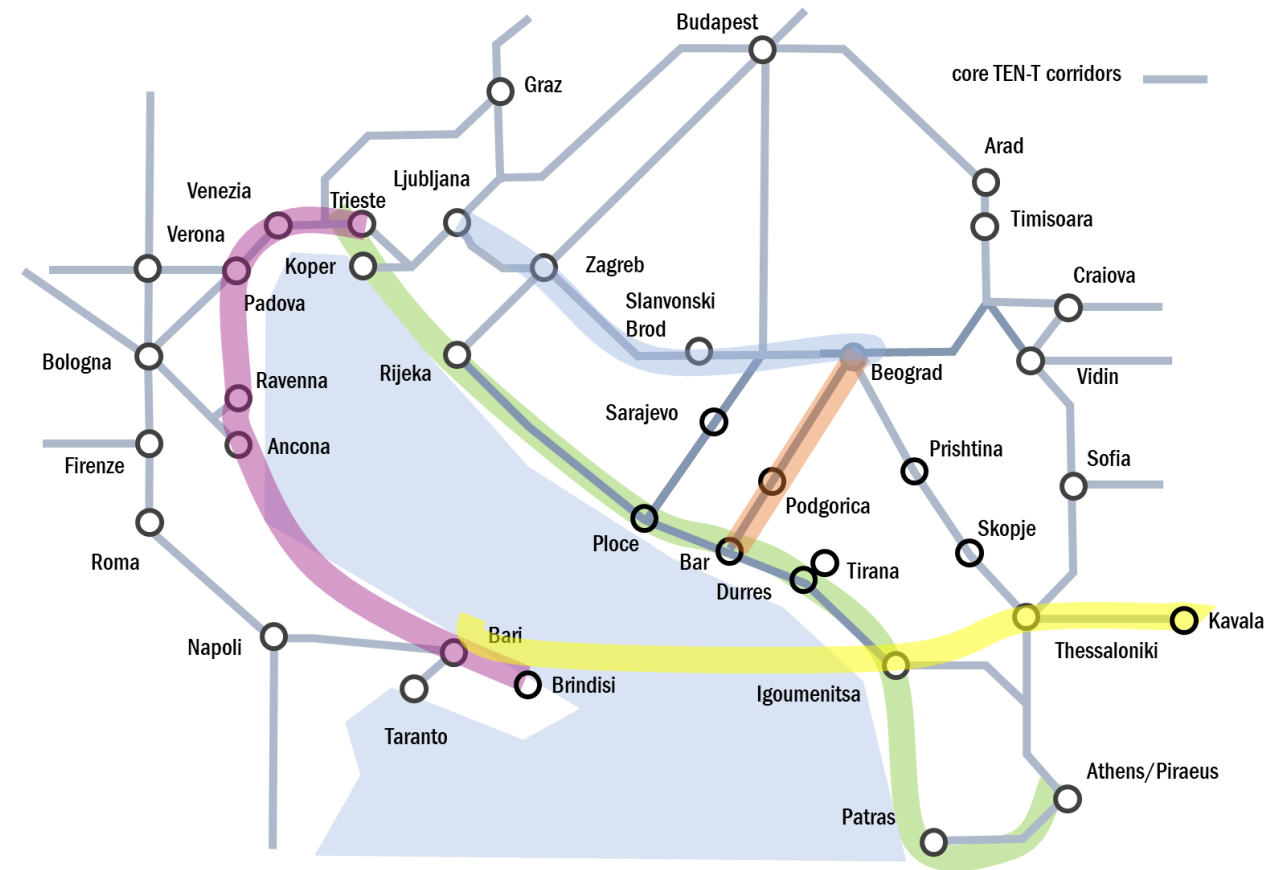**2. Competitive, seamless intermodal connections for freight and passenger transport in the Adriatic-Ionian Region**

a) Reduce infrastructural gaps and improve accessibility across the Adriatic-Ionian region, by means of construction and improvement/upgrading of the TEN-T network, according to the standards foreseen by Reg. (EU) 1315, with particular attention to the coastal areas of the region and the intermodal connections in the ports of the Adriatic Sea.

b) Facilitate cross-border traffic flows and transport operations in the Adriatic-Ionian region.

c) Strengthen North-South and East-West physical and digital interconnections between the logistics and urban nodes of the Adriatic-Ionian region to facilitate exchange between, on the one hand, long-distance global and EU flows, on the other hand, regional and local traffic.

Art.6 Catania Declaration (III EUSAIR Forum)

- **Multimodal Adriatic-Ionian Corridors**

- **Motorways of the Sea in the AI Region**

- **Green Ports development**

Thanks for the attention!