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European Green Deal and EU macro-regional strategies: complementarities, potentials and mutual benefits

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The opportunities of the European Green Deal and the EU macro-regional strategies

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Key messages

The four MRS (EU macro-regional strategies) are highly relevant in delivering the EGD (European Green Deal) in their respective territories.

They are an opportunity to tailor the EGD to the specific needs of a territory, to ensure coordination and to speed up its implementation.

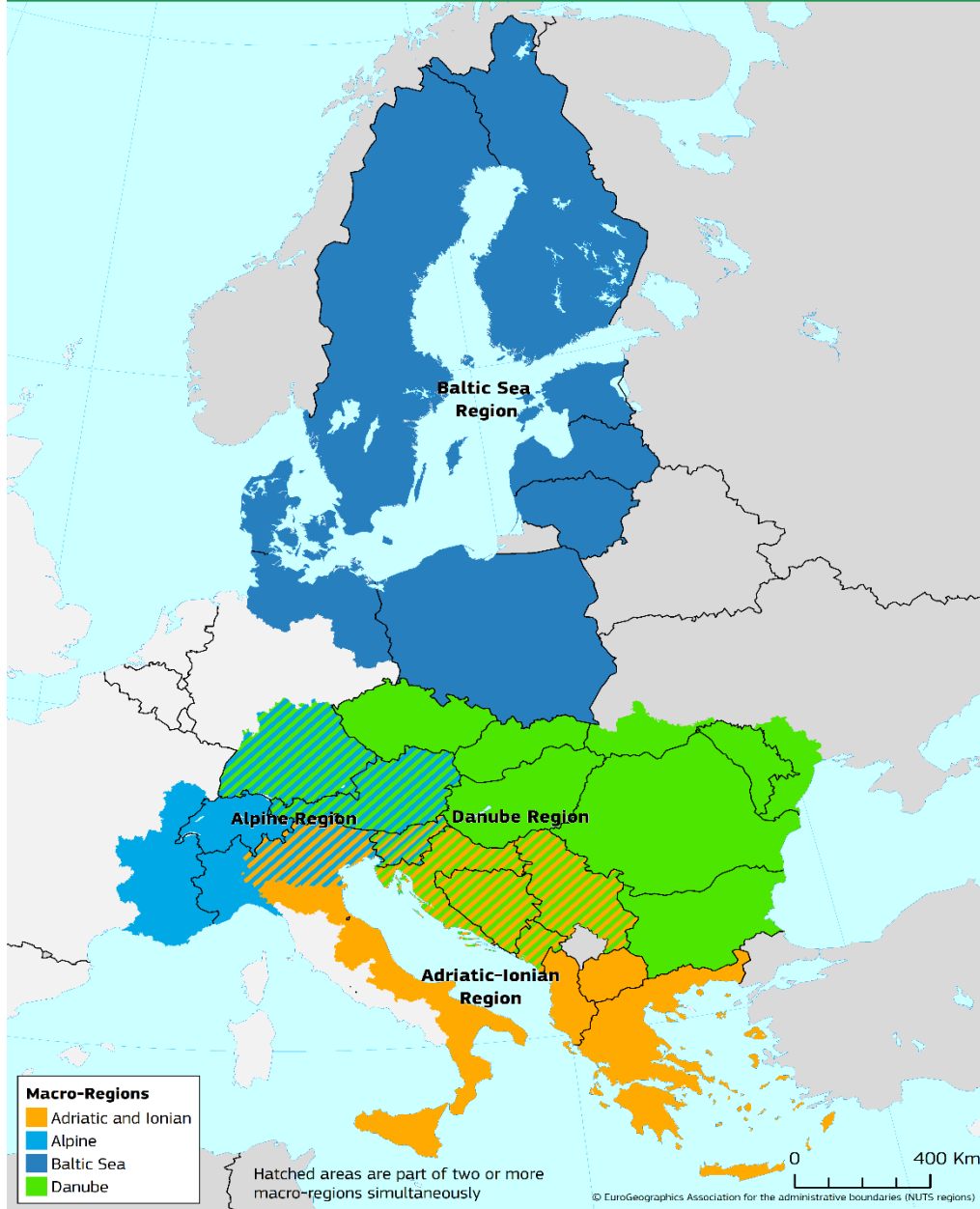
This is possible because of the MRS and EGD complementarities, potentials and mutual benefits.

The EU macro-regional strategies

MRS are policy frameworks initiated by EU and non-EU countries located in a defined geographical area to jointly address challenges and opportunities they have in common through setting shared, long term objectives.

They act at multi-levels, strengthening:

- **Cooperation:** Cooperation between all the relevant Macro-Regional actors in order to join forces and reinforce trust and confidence among them
- **Coordination:** Better coordination of the use of the available funds and of the several initiatives/activities ongoing in the Macro-Region
- **Concentration:** Better concentration of the funds in projects which are particularly strategic for the Macro-Region



4 Strategies: Baltic Sea, Danube, Adriatic-Ionian, Alpine

19 EU Member States + 9 non-EU countries

Complementarities (content)

MRS and the EGD have common priorities and challenges:

- The sustainability dimension is prominent in all the MRS
- Priorities common to all the MRS – environment and climate change, connectivity, research & innovation and (sustainable) economic development - are related to key actions of the EGD
- Most of the EGD challenges can be tackled only joining our efforts

Potentials (method)

MRS offer a cooperation platform “fit for purposes” for supporting the implementation of the EGD actions, which provides the following:

- Coordination of funds and actions + joint initiatives for making the best use of the multiple and diversified funding opportunities and resources needed in order to face the EGD common challenges (current embedding process is key!)
- Cross-sectoral approach for implementing the EGD actions, which are strongly interconnected
- Multi-level governance and stakeholders involvement for ensuring the contribution of all the relevant actors to the EGD implementation

Mutual benefits (win-win)

MRS support the EGD implementation and the EGD provides a common MRS vision:

- MRS can help the EGD implementation on the ground with coordinated regional and local initiatives, taking into account the territorial specificities of a certain geographical area
- MRS can help the implementation of the EGD in the Western Balkans (and the future Green Agenda for Western Balkans), as Western Balkans countries play an important role in the achievement of the Adriatic-Ionian and Danube Strategies objectives
- The EGD offers a common policy framework and common objectives to the MRS, and therefore it provides a common vision (within each MRS and also across the four MRS)

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