

**DRAFT-PROGRAMME**

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| **15 May, Sunday** | |
| Arrival and accommodation of participants | |
| **16 May, Monday** | |
| 08.30-09.00  **Plaza’s Lobby Ground Floor** | **Participants’ Sign-In** |
| 09.30-10.15  **“Queen Geraldine” Venue** | **Official opening of the VII EUSAIR FORUM**  *Moderator:* ***Ms. Bjona Ziaj***  *Languages Albanian-English*   * Welcome address by **Ms. Megi Fino**, Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania * **Ms. Elisa Ferreira**, EU Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms, by a video-message * **Mr. Arben Ahmetaj**, Deputy Prime Minister of Albania * **Mr. Luca Beccari**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of San Marino * **Mr. Joze Tomaš**, President of the Forum of the Adriatic Ionian Chambers of Commerce * **Ms. Aspasanja Kongo**, Tirana European Youth Capital 2022 |
| 10.15 – 11.45  **“Marin Barleti” Venue** | **EUSAIR Pillar 1, Blue Growth Session**  **Essential to achieving the objectives of the European Green Deal:**  **From Blue Growth to Sustainable Blue Economy**  Chairs  ***Irene Tzouramani****,* Pillar Coordinator Blue Growth, Greece  ***Milena Krasic****,* Deputy Pillar Coordinator Blue Growth, Montenegro  ***Eleni Hatziyanni,***Policy officer DG MARE, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Sea basin strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security  Welcome speech by Pillar Coordinators (5 min)  Welcome speech by the Albanian high official Agricultural Ministry (TBD)  **Key note address**   * ***Mr Felix Leinemann, Head of Unit MARE A2 Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and Maritime Spatial Planning.*** *Transitioning to a sustainable blue economy in the EU under the European Green Deal*   ***Panellists:***   * **Prof. Katerina Moutou,** *University of Thessaly -UTH*, ***Greece.*** Challenges of the Mediterranean Marine Fish Farming in the era of the European Green Deal and in the light of the revised strategic guidelines for EU sustainable aquaculture. * **Dr Aleksandar Joksimović,** *Institute of Marine Biology-University of Montenegro*, **Montenegro.** Scientific support activities in implementing some aspects of the Green Deal in Montenegro. * **Prof. Yorgos Stephanedes,** *University of Patras,* ***Greece.* Marija Raspopovic** *Senior Advisor at Projects Department Chamber of Economy of Montenegro***, Montenegro.** Sustainable fishing and aquaculture in the circular economy. Empower the innovation capacity of SMEs, maritime clusters/networks and Public Authorities to boost the blue Circular Economy (CE) in insular, island and coastal areas. Strengthen SMEs and clusters to increase their competence in the blue CE market. * **Marco Affronte,** *Consultant Finproject srl and ASSO (Agency for Sustainable Development)***, Italy.** Activities and challenges to preserve the environment in the wider Adriatic area: The case of Adrion Interreg Sub Cluster for waste management and reduction of pollution.   ***Discussion*** *with the audience (Q&A)*   * ***Conclusions*** *5 min –* ***Mrs******Eleni Hatziyanni*,** *European Commission, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Sea basin strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security* |
| 11.00-12.00  **“Jeronim de Rada” Venue** | **Adriatic and Ionian Council / EUSAIR ministerial meeting**  (Closed session, delegates only) |
| 12.00-12.20  **“Dora D’Istria” Venue** | **Press Conference** Albanian Presidency, European Commission  *Languages Albanian-English*   * **Ms. Megi Fino**, Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania * **Mr. Slawomir Tokarski**, Director, DG REGIO |
| 11.45 – 13.15  **“The Standard” Venue** | **EUSAIR Pillar 2 Connecting the region, Transport sub-group**  The EUSAIR Multimodal Transport Model (EMTM): simulation results of the base year and of the TEN-T completion scenarios  Opening   * **Mr. Pierluigi COPPOLA**,EUSAIR Pillar 2 Coordinator, Italy TEN-T Network Development within the EUSAIR Transport Masterplan   Keynote introduction   * **Mr. Roberto Zani**, Director at Tplan,   Discussion and presentation on the topic by the following panellists:   * **Mr. Lukasz Wyrowski,** UNECE, Development and operation of borderless sustainable transport systems * **Mr. Kristoffer Refberg**, EC DG MOVE, Towards a new TEN-T Regulation * **Mr. Matej Zakonjsek**,  Transport Community Treaty (TCT), Director, TEN-T development in WB6 * **Ms. Federica Polce**, Ministry of Sustainable Infrastructure and Mobility, TEN-T development in Italy * **Ms. Jasminka Kirkova**, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Republic of North Macedonia, TEN-T development in North Macedonia * **Mr. Marko Boban**, Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, Republic of Croatia, TEN-T development in Croatia   Discussion with the audience(Q&A)  Conclusions by the Chair |
| 14.30-16.30  **“Queen Geraldine” Venue** | **The EUSAIR as a key tool to bring the European Green Deal in the Adriatic and Ionian Region and to facilitate EU enlargement in the Western Balkans**  Debate with the EUSAIR Ministers in charge of EU funds and the European Commission  *Moderator:* ***Ms. Jolanda Trebicka***  Interactive session with pre-prepared questions to ministers   * **Ms. Megi Fino**, Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania * **Mr. Ilir Beqaj**, General Director, State Agency for Strategic Programming and Assistance Coordination (SASPAC)   **Mr. Alexis Hupin, Chargée d’Affaires a.i.,** Delegation of the European Union to Albania  **Mr. Slawomir Tokarski** (Director for European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-regions, Interreg and Programmes Implementation) DG REGIO   * Pre-prepared questions to the **Heads of Delegations**   **Ms. Gresa Smolica**, Manager, Cooperation and Development Institute  WB6 Connecting Youth Platform  **Ms. Irena Topalli**, International Relations Manager, Tirana European Youth Capital 2022- National Youth Congress  **Mr. Klajdi Kaziu**, Secretary General of UNA Albania and Young European Ambassador |
| 16.30-17.00 | **Handover of the Albanian Chairmanship of the Adriatic and Ionian Initiative / EUSAIR Presidency to Bosnia and Herzegovina**   * **Ms. Megi Fino**, Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania * **Mr. Josip Brkić,** Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| 17.00-18.30  **“Marin Barleti”**  **Venue** | **EUSAIR Pillar 2, Energy Networks “The Energy Transition In The Adriatic-Ionian Region: Facing The Challenges Of Energy Security And Climate Change”**  **Opening by the Chair**  **Biljana Ramić**, Head of Department, Strategic Planning, Ministry of Mining and Energy, Serbia  Key-note address  **Dr. Luca Schieppati,** Managing Director, Trans Adriatic Pipeline AG, Baar, Switzerland  Panellists:  **Mr. Nicolas Kuen**, Directorate General for Energy, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium  **Ms. Violeta Kogalniceanu**, Head, European Green Deal Unit, Energy Community, Vienna  **Dr. Guido Bortoni**, President, CESI, Milan, Italy  **Mr. Theodoros Christopoulos**, Director, International and European Activities, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Athens, Greece  **Mr. Giuseppe Dell’Olio,** International Relations, Italian Managing Agency for the Energy System (GSE), Rome, Italy  Director, Ministry of Mining and Energy, Belgrade, Serbia |
| **17 May, Tuesday** | |
| 09.00-10.30  **“Queen Geraldine” Venue** | **EUSAIR Pillar 3, Environmental quality**  **Biodiversity/Marine protected areas beyond national jurisdiction**  Chairs / Key note address   * **Mitja BRICELJ*,*** Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, EUSAIR Pillar 3 Coordinator, Slovenia * **Senad OPRAŠIĆ*,*** Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, EUSAIR Pillar 3 Coordinator, Bosnia and Herzegovina   ***Panellists:***   * **Andrej Sovinc**, Analysis of Marine (water) Protected Areas in EUSAIR and Proposals for Corrective Measures * **Mitja Grbec,** Analysis of legal basis for the Establishment and Further Development of Marine Protected Areas in EUSAIR with Particular Emphasis on Transboundary Marine Protected Areas * **Vassiliki Vassilopoulou,** Research Director – HCMR (Hellenic Center for Marine Research) ‘’Transboundary Maritime Spatial Planning as a supporting process for establishing effective MPA networks in the Adriatic Ionian Region’’. * **Davor Percan,** Head of Unit, Unit F2, Regional and Bilateral Environmental Cooperation, DG ENV * **Mirko Djurović,** senior research associates the Marine Biological Station in Kotor (5min) * **Stavros Antoniadis**, Coordinating Unit for the Mediterranean Action Plan United Nations Environment Programme, Barcelona Convention Secretariat * **Discussion with the audience** |
| 10.30 – 12.30  **“Marin Barleti” Venue** | **Special session on Sustainable Tourism, EUSAIR Pillar 4**  **Navigating Tourism through Policies and Trends. The Role of Tourism and Culture in the Revision of the EUSAIR Action Plan**  Moderator: **Nadine LAKHAL**, DG REGIO, European Commission  **Welcoming introduction**   * **Ms. Mirela Kumbaro**, Minister of Tourism and Environment of Albania   ***Key note address***   * **Mr. Konstantinos KAPODISTRIAS,** CPMR * **Ms. Marie-Hélène Pradines**, Head of unit of Tourism and Textile, DG GROW   ***Panelists:***   * **Aleksandra Gardasevic Slavuljica**, Director-General, Ministry of Economic Development of Montenegro : Comprehensive tourism strategies development - Culture and Cultural tourism in National Tourism Strategies * **Renata Tomljenović**, IZTZG, EUSAIR external expert for project development, Cultural Routes and survey on cultural tourism demand in EUSAIR, related to data-driven tourism , services for Cultural Tourism and Awareness raising on changes in tourism demand * **Olivera del Cont**, PJR, EUSAIR external expert for project development related to data- driven tourism , Living the Sea, strategic project development * **Georgia Zouni**, University of Piraeus, Greece, Research and innovation projects and pilots on circular and climate friendly & Cultural routes passing through remote Areas * **Anuška Crnokić Deranja**, Ministry of Culture and Media of Croatia, Digitized cultural heritage - a prerequisite for the preservation and presentation of cultural heritage for tourism * **Urška Starc Peceny**, Arctur, Slovenia, Digital innovation of cultural heritage, success story in Slovenia * **Konstantinos GIAKOUMIS**, Associate Professor of History, Arts and Methods at LOGOS University College, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Linguistic Communication * **Maja Kovacevic,** Ministry of Economic Development of Montenegro and Local Coordinator or Due Mari   Discussion with the audience  Conclusions: **Ministry of Tourism and sport of Croatia** |
| 14.30-16.00  **“Queen Geraldine” Venue** | **Smart Specialisation Strategies in the Adriatic and Ionian region**  (in cooperation with UniAdrion) SAVE-THE-DATE - AII ROUND TABLE ON INTER-UNIVERSITY COOPERATION - NOVEMBER  17 (ONLINE)   * **Chair, Donato Iacobucci,** Università Politecnica delle Marche * **Key note address, Andrea Perna,** Secretary general UNIADRION   Short presentation by panellists   * **Eleni HATZIYANNI**, Policy officer, DG MARE * **Linda Pustina,** Prime Minister Office, Albania * **Kostas Tzamaloukas,** Region of Western Greece * **Ruta Zanrnauskaite,** Head of Unit DG RTD, Horizon Europe Association * Discussion with the audience (Q&A) * Conclusions   **Alessandro Rainoldi,** JRC Seville |
| 16.00-17.30  **“Marin Barleti” Venue** | **Farm to Fork as key for agri-food system transformation in EUSAIR countries**  (in cooperation with CIHEAM Bari) CIHEAM_IAM-BARI_RVB (002)  Opening by the Chair/ Moderator   * CIHEAM   Key note address   * **Frida Krifca,** Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Albania (5 min) * **Eduardo Cuoco**, Executive Director IFOAM EU (5 min)   Short presentation of the topics by the panellists   * **Vincenzo Linarello**, President of GOEL- Cooperative Group, Italy * **Boban Ilic**, Secretary General SWG * **Majlinda Bregu**, Secretary General Regional Cooperation Council * **Pasquale Di Rubbo**, DG AGRI * **Fabio Maria Santucci**, Professor of Agricultural Economics and Policy, University of Perugia, Italy * **Fatbardh Sallaku, Rector of Agricultural University of Tirana**   Discussion with the audience  (Conclusions by the Chair/Moderator) |
| 17.30- 18.30  **“Queen Geraldine” Venue** | **Closing Session (Wrap up)** / EU Commission and EUSAIR ALB Presidency   * **Mr. Jean Pierre Halkin**, Head of Unit, European Commission ,   DG REGIO   * **Mr. Ilir Melo**, Director for the Region and Neighbouring Countries |

**PARRALEL EVENTS OF THE 7th EUSAIR FORUM**

**16.5.2022**

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| 10.30-18.30  **Lobby of**  **1st floor** | **Opening of the networking fair** |
| 12.30 –15.00 **Breakfast venue 1st floor** | **Lunch Break** |
| 14.30-16.30  **“Marin Barleti” Venue** | **Forum of Adriatic-Ionian Youth Organizations**  (Adriatic Ionian Euro region) –AI NURECC  **14:15-14:30 Registration Of Participants**  **14:30-15:00 Welcome And Opening Remarks**  ***Moderated by Francesco COCCO, AIE Secretary General***  • **Ms. Bora MUZHAQI**, Minister of Youth and Children, Republic of Albania – TBC  • **Mr. Nikola DOBROSLAVIC**, President of Dubrovnik-Neretva County (Croatia), AIE President – TBC  **- 2 – The action AI-NURECC PLUS has received funding from the European Union**  • **Mr. Jean Pierre HALKIN**, Head of Macro-regions, Transnational / Interregional / External Cooperation, Enlargement (REGIO.DDG.D.1) Unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), European Commission – TBC  • *The AI-NURECC PLUS as a platform for the empowerment of EUSAIR youth,* **Representative of the CPMR, AI-NURECC PLUS Coordinator** – TBC  **15:00-16:15 NETWORKING SESSION AND DEBATE: THE PATH TOWARDS YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN THE EUSAIR**  ***Moderated by Alfredo MARINI (Italy) and Milan STOJANOVIC (Serbia)***  *Key Note speech about youth engagement,* **Ms. Dafina PECI**, Director of National Youth Congress, Tirana EYC 2022 Lead Organisation (Albania) – TBC  *Adriatic Ionian Youth and Youth Organisations will have a chance to network and expressing their expectations for a greater and meaningful youth engagement in the EUSAIR. Together they will reflect upon the challenges ahead and identify a path, means and tools towards this common objective.*  *Representatives of Adriatic Ionian Youth Organisations to be part of the Adriatic Ionian Youth Network:*  *Albania*: TBC; *Bosnia and Herzegovina*: Amina BERBIC (Women's Ass. Mosaic of culture and tradition) – TBC; *Croatia*: TBC; *Greece*: **Stavros PAPATZELOS (TINASLAB)**; *Italy: TBC*; *Montenegro*: Ana BOZOVIC (The Association of Young Artists of Montenegro) – TBC; *North Macedonia*: Besa SEJDIU (RACIO) – TBC; San Marino: TBC; Slovenia: **Viliana VAKLINOVA (No Excuse Slovenia)**; *Serbia*: **Nataša GLIGORIJEVIĆ (Center for Sustainable Development of Serbia**)  *Live Poll aimed at collecting recommendations about the revision of the EUSAIR*    **16:15-16:30 Conclusions And Next Steps**  ***Maria Luisa ESPOSITO, AIE EU Project Officer***  • *The Adriatic Ionian Youth Network (AIYN) adhesion campaign*  • *The AI-NURECC PLUS opportunities for EUSAIR youth*, Ms. **Silvia MANGIALARDO**, Head of International Relations Office Marche Polytechnic University and Representative of UniAdrion, AI-NURECC PLUS Partner  • Conclusions  On 16 and 17 May, within the Networking Fair organised by the Albanian Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs as part of the 7th EUSAIR Annual Forum, the Adriatic Ionian Euroregion, in cooperation with the European Commission and with the support of the Adriatic Ionian Youth Network (AIYN), will manage the *Speakers’ Corner*. - 3 – The action AI-NURECC PLUS has received funding from the European Union  The *Speakers’ Corner* will have the aim to collect ideas on the future EU Strategy for the Adriatic Ionian Region. All participants in the Conference are invited to join us and our young collaborators and provide their suggestions that will be considered in the process of revision of the EUSAIR. |
| 14.30-18.30  **“The Standard” Venue** | **EUSAIR Popri Youth business model competition**  EUSAIR POPRI competition is an opportunity for young participants to introduce their ideas and contribute to the common good, live a sustainable, quality life, respect the principles of the circular economy and offer solutions to the problems of different people. The young participants prove to be responsible, ambitious members of society who should be listened to. Each business idea is a personal, national, but also international potential that can contribute to the growth and development of the region.  14.30 – 14.45  Short introduction from the moderator  Short welcome speech by **Mrs. Mirela Koci**, CEO of AULEDA – Local Economic Development Agency, Vlore  Short welcome speech by **Giuseppe di Paola**, Policy Coordinator – EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR), DG REGIO – European Commission  Short welcome speech by **Ms. Edona Bilali**, Minister of entrepreneurships and start-ups in Albania  Meet our young participants - slide-show of all participating teams  14.45 – 16.15 Presentation of business ideas - **High- school students of 9 EUSAIR countries** /Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia/  16.15 – 16.45 Break    16.45 – 18.15 Presentation of business ideas – **University students of 9 EUSAIR countries** /Albania, Greece, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia/  18.15 Closing remarks |
| 14.30-16.00  **“Dora D’Istria” Venue** | **Workshop on Investment opportunities in Albania from the Adriatic-Ionian Region**  **Chair: Alban Isteri –** President of Durres Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Albania), Vicar Vice President of Forum of the Adriatic Ionian Chambers of Commerce  *Languages: Albanian, Italian, English*  **Institutional Greetings (5min each):**  **Ines Mucostepa –** President of Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry  **Donatella Romozzi –** Regione Marche  **Katerina Nejdlova –** DG Grow, European Commission  **(TBC) Representative -** Ministry of State for Entrepreneurship Protection  **Panellists:**  **• Francesca Mondello,** Director Tirana Office for Albania and Kosovo - ICE  **• Mileva Meksi –** Director of the Investment Department - AIDA  **• Sara Zotaj –** Head of investment and aftercare sector - AIDA  Discussion with the audience (Q&A) 30' |
| 16.00-19.00  **“Dora D’Istria” Venue** | **Green infrastructures and spatial planning:** the e-learning courses in the EUSAIR Stakeholders Platform (ESP)  **Session 1**   * **Donatella Romozzi,** Italian Project Partner of Facility Point * **Iztok Škerlic,** Facility Point Project Partner Municipality of Izola * **Sijana Veledar,** Eusair Stakeholders Platform Manager * **Michele Giovenali,** Eusair Stakeholders Platform Pillar Manager * **Emanuele Paccamiccio /Laura Lanari,** ZeroGravità Company   **Session 2**  **Adriatica Ionica Race** |

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| 09.00-18.30  **Lobby of 1st floor** | **Networking fair** |
| 09.00-10.30  **“Marin Barleti” Venue** | **Cultural and Creative Industries** |
| 09.30- 11.00  **“The Standard” Venue** | **EUSAIR Popri Youth Students meet entrepreneurs**  The best way to learn is to meet and to hear stories from experienced businessmen. Young people have the opportunity to meet **Dean Celaj and Gerion Treska**, both successful entrepreneurs. They will both share knowledge and experience in the field of entrepreneurship because we know that success stories can be an inspiration to young people.  Since graduating from our BSc Information Management for Business programme in 2019, Dean Celaj’s startup, [akademi.al](https://www-akademi-al.translate.goog/?_x_tr_sl=sq&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=sc), has grown from strength to strength and now has over one million global users. The e-learning platform offers free education to Albanian speaking children and has secured high-profile partners such as UNICEF and the British Embassy.  Gerion Treska is passionate about entrepreneurship, a startups enthusiast, supporter and mentor, he has been involved in contributing for the development of the Albanian startup ecosystem since 2012. His prior professional experiences include a combination of entrepreneurship, academia and NGOs supporting implementation of projects financed by different international development organizations/donors, and as advisor for private sector companies on business development and marketing.  Short introduction by moderator  Short welcome speech by **Mr Ilir Melo**, National Coordinator, Macroregional Strategies, MEFA, Republic of Albania. (3 min)  Short welcome speech by **Mr Peter Japelj**, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the Republic of Albania (3 min)  Discussion with **Mr Gerion Treska and with Mr Dean Celaj**  Open discussion with **young participants** |
| 12.30- 13.00 **“The Standard” Venue** | **Ceremony of Awards- EUSAIR Popri Youth**  Inspiring speech by **Mrs Ruta Zarnauskaite**, Head of Unit in DG Research and Innovation of the European Commission   * Short speech by **Mrs Mirela Koci**, CEO of Auleda – Local Economic Development Agency, Vlore, Albania * Short speech by **Mrs Tanja Kožuh**, CEO Primorski tehnološki park, Slovenia * **Announcement** of best business ideas of High-school students and University students & award ceremony   Closure of the event |
| 12.30-15.00  **Breakfast venue 1st floor** | **Lunch Break** |
| 15.00-17.15  **“The Standard” Venue** | **Interreg ADRION event**  Welcome speech by **Lodovico Gherardi**, ADRION Managing Authority  *Panel on Green mobility*  Moderator Introduction by **Ulf Wikström** (Interact)  *Panel discussion*   * **Glykeria Myrovali**, Centre for Research and Technology-Hellas (CERTH), Greece * **Evis Plaku**, Regional Council of Berat, Albania   Project INTER-CONNECT PLUS and SUSTOURISMO   * **Pierluigi Coppola**, Department of Mechanical Engineering – Polytechnic University of Milan, Italy   Project TRIBUTE   * **Nenad Popovic,** Regional economic development agency for Sumadija and Pomoravlje, Kragujevac, Serbia   Project ENERMOB  *Panel on renewable energy and energy efficiency*  Moderator Introduction by **Bledar Aliaj** (Albanian Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy)  *Panel discussion*   * **Neven Duic,** University of Zagreb, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, Croatia   Project SEADRION PLUS   * **Inva Nela,** Cooperation and Development Institute (CDI), Albania   Project POWER PLUS   * **Olga Aneziri,** National Center for Scientific Research "DEMOKRITOS", Greece * **Dimitrios Spyrou**, Port of Piraeus, Greece (online)   Project SUPER LNG  *Conclusions*  **Ilir Beqaj,** General Director, State Agency for Strategic Programming and Assistance Coordination (SASPAC) |

**18 May, Wednesday**

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| 9.00-10.30  **“Jeronim de Rada” Venue** | **Round table on chamber of commerce-** Chambers of Commerce System within the Adriatic and Ionian Region  (*Languages: Albanian, Italian, English, Croatian)*  **Chair: Alban Isteri –** President of Durres Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Albania), Vicar Vice President of Forum of the Adriatic Ionian Chambers of Commerce  **Institutional Greetings (5 min each):**   * **Joze Tomaš –** President of the Croatian Chamber of Economy – County Chamber Split (Croatia), President of the Forum of the Adriatic Ionian Chambers of Commerce * **Amb. Fabio Pigliapoco,** Head of the Permanent Secretariat of the Adriatic and Ionian Initiative * **Amb. Ilir Melo,** Chairman-in-office and EUSAIR National Coordinator * **(TBC)** Representative of Albanian Ministry of Economy and Finances   **Panelists:**  **● Ines Mucostepa,** President of Union of Albanian Chambers of Commerce  **● Gennaro Strever,** President of Chieti-Pescara Chamber of Commerce (Italy)  **● Pavle Radovanovic,** Vice-President of the Chamber of Economy of Montenegro (Montenegro), Vice-President of Forum of the Adriatic Ionian Chambers of Commerce  **● Nikolina Trojić,** President of the Dubrovnik Chamber of Economy (Croatia)  **● Marko Šantić,** President Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Chamber of Economy (Bosnia and Herzegovina)  **● Pangiotis Tsichritzis,** President Etoloakarnania Chamber of Commerce and Industy (Greece)  **● Robert Rakar,** Director of Primorska Chamber of Commerce (Slovenia)  Discussion with the audience (Q&A) |
| 10.30-12.00  **“Jeronim de Rada” Venue** | **Bringing the Green Deal to EUSAIR:** strategy and practical tools to switch to more sustainable practices and procedures (organized by DG REGIO and Forum AIC)  *Chair*  **Eleonora TRAMANNONI,** Executive Officer of the Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce  **Welcome greetings from Vice-president of the Forum AIC Alban ISTERI**  *Keynote address*  **∙ Amb. Miloš PRICA,** Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, EUSAIR/AII National Coordinator  “A glimpse of the objectives of the upcoming Bosnia and Herzegovina EUSAIR / AII Presidency”  **∙ Mr Gilles KITTEL,** Instrument for Pre-Accession, Enlargement Negotiations and EUSAIR – European Commission – DG Regio (10 min)  “Bringing the Green Deal to EUSAIR Regions: perspectives for a more sustainable future”    *Panellists:*  **∙ Mr Alessandro MANZARDO,** Professor of Strategic Environmental Management - Quality and environment study Center - CESQA - University of Padua  “From GPP procedures to strategic environmental management: make EUSAIR meetings green by nature”  **∙ Mr Andrea GRAMILLANO,** Evaluation expert, company t33  “Indicators system to guide the decarbonization of EUSAIR: Guidelines and Monitoring tool”  **∙ Mr. Mitja BRICELJ,** Slovenian Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, EUSAIR Pillar 3 Environmental Quality Coordinator (TBC)  “The European Green Deal from policies to concrete measures”  Discussion with the audience (Q&A)  Conclusion and dissemination of the project Guidelines |
| 12.00-15.00  **Breakfast venue 1st floor** | **Lunch Break** |

**In parallel:**

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| 09:00 – 12:30  **“Marin Barleti” Venue** | **Exploring synergies between Interreg IPA and IPA-IPA programmes** (Organized by Interact)  08:45 – 9:00 Registration and welcome coffee  9:00 – 10:30 Welcome, introduction, and setting of the scene  *Inspirational keynotes:*   * *Interact (4’)* * *Mr. Jean-Pierre Halkin, DG REGIO (5’)* * *Minister Elbert Krasniqi, Minister of Local Government Administration of Kosovo\* (5’)* * *Mr. Mauro Di Veroli, DG NEAR ( 5’)* * *Mr. Massimo Gerli, EU funds National Coordinator, Presidency of the Council of Ministers – Department for Cohesion Policy of Italy (7’)* * *Ms. Stella Arneri, Director-General – Ministry of Regional Development and EU funds of Croatia (7’)* * *Ms. Irena Bošković, Head of the Operating Structure for cross-border cooperation programmes - Ministry of European Affairs of Montenegro (7’)* * *Mr. Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana (tbc) (10’, including a short overview of the project CIRCLE financed by ADRION programme)* * *Mr. Robert Lichtner, Danube Strategy Point (DSP) Coordinator (10’, including some words about the embedding process)* * *CBIB+ (10’)* * *Interact (10’)*   *Questions and answers (10’)*  10:45 – 11:45 What happens if we do not work together?  *Group work and discussion facilitated by Interact*  11:45 – 12:00 Wrap up, evaluation & next steps  12:00 – 12:30 Celebrating IPA: 15 years of progressive and positive developments in the Western Balkans  (\*) This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on Kosovo declaration of independence. |
| 12.30-14.30  **“Marin Barleti” Venue** | **Towards sustainability in cultural and natural tourism destinations -** sharing of new innovative and methodological approaches and models - the experience of the ADRION Subcluster 3.3 Program (organized by Interreg Adrion Subcluster 3.3 project members and FAIC) |
| 11.30 - 12.00 | **Participants’ Sign-In** |
| 12.00-12.15 | **Opening Session**  Welcome speech by  Mrs. Ledia Mirakaj  Responsible for Culture and Diaspora  Embassy of the Republic of Albania - Rome |
| 12.15 – 12.45 | **Panel on: “Digitalization in tourism”**  **Panel discussion:** *“New technologies**and related processes and approaches”,* the experiences of the projects:   * Adrinethbook * Smart Heritage   **Conclusions:** peculiarities and common features |
| 12.45-13.15 | **Panel on: “Inclusive and Accessible Tourism”**  **Panel discussion:** *“Creating an environment where all people feel welcome and included: different possible approaches”* the experiences of the projects*:*   * WONDER- Child Friendly Destinations * Thematic * Adrilink   **Conclusions***:* peculiarities and common features |
| 13.15 – 13.45 | **Panel on: “Sustainable and Responsible Tourism”**  **Panel discussion:** *“Green travelling and new paths for a correct tourist use of cultural and natural heritage”,* the experiences of the projects*:*   * SUSTOURISMO * PRONACUL * TRANSFER   **Conclusions***:* peculiarities and common features |
| 13.45 - 14-00 | **Closing session and final findings**  Representatives of the Joint Secretariat  - Interreg ADRION Programme   * Definition of the added value by increasing synergies between projects according to the EUSAIR strategic key sectors of development and growth in the Adriatic-Ionian region. * Supporting the development of new partnership and identification of new areas/fields of intervention to be funded within the current Programming period 2021-2027. |

**SIDE EVENTS, 18 MAY 2022**

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| 13:00 – 15:00  Academy of Arts | **CIRCE Project visit (funded by Interreg IPA CBC IT-AL-ME)**  *All participants* |
| 18:00 – 19:00  Academy of Arts  Sheshi Nënë Tereza 2, Tiranë 1019, Albania  (5’ walk from Maritim Hotel Plaza) | **Projection of Tirana cinema students’ movies**  *All participants* |
| 19:00-20:00  Academy of Arts  Sheshi Nënë Tereza 2, Tiranë 1019, Albania  (5’ walk from Maritim Hotel Plaza) | **A debate with students of the Academy of Arts**  *All participants* |

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