

Our youth - our MRS future

20 September 2022, 15.45 - 18.00
Mediterranean Coast and Macro-regional Strategies Week, Izola

Our youth is our future and we have to ensure their proper involvement into different policies and processes. In this respect, exchanging the views among different generations and levels of decision-makers on one hand and hearing the voice of young people on the other hand is crucial. This also applies to EU macro-regional strategies (MRS) that represent a strategic framework aiming for long-term change at policy or policy implementation level.

Today there are different practices of involving youth into different MRSs.

The session "Our youth - our MRS future" will be the occasion to share experiences and methods for involving young people from different MRSs into the MRSs. This will be an opportunity to explore, what is the added value of involving young people into MRS discussions, what can the MRS structures and stakeholders learn from them and what are the most suitable ways to involve them. The session will also be the opportunity to discuss the added value and lessons learned of the MRS Youth Council, its establishment, functioning and involvement into the governance processes.

This session is aiming to present open views from different perspectives on the presented questions. The central part of the session will be devoted to an open exchange on involving youth, what do we aim to achieve and what is/are the best way(s) to involve them?

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| 15:45-16:00 | Gathering/Registration |
| 16:00-16:15 | Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening by moderator Motivational speech: macro-regional strategies from youth perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eva Dušak, former representative of EUSALP Youth Council |
| 16:15-16:30 | Presentation of EUSAIR Young POPRI project: good practice of involving youth into MRS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bojana Cipot, Lead Partner of EUSAIR POPRI youth project, Primorski tehnološki park Rebeka Udvarc, POPRI national experience, Co-founder of Beesmetic |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vladimir Krsmanović, Aleksandar Rončević, EUSAIR POPRI youth winning team students, Pannonian Crew - Lara |
| 16:30-17:50 | <p>Our youth - our MRS future: Guided discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astrid Aulnette, DG REGIO (Youth4Cooperation) • Roland Arbter, EUSDR, Austrian national coordinator • Sarah-Maria Sterflinger, EUSALP, Bavarian deputy national coordinator • Anders Bergström, EUSBSR, Policy Area Coordinator Education, Science and Social affairs • Tadej Jezernik, EUSALP Youth Council representative |
| 17:50-18:00 | Concluding remarks |

The session will be held in English.

Due to a limited number of participants (80 participants), prior registration is required. Registration will be accepted until 13.9.2022.

The discussion is part of the Mediterranean Coast and Macro-regional Strategies Week, Slovenia, 19.9. – 23.9.2022.