



# 8<sup>th</sup> EUSAIR Forum

23 – 25 May 2023

**Main venue: Hotel Holiday, Sarajevo**

Zmaja od Bosne 4, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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**23 May, Tuesday – registration from 8:30**

14:30 -17:45	<b>Congress Room</b>	<p><b><i>The Role of EUSAIR and EUSDR in the EU Enlargement process</i></b>  <i>With participation of DG NEAR, DG Regio, EUDs of EU candidate countries, NCs of both MRSs, NIPACs - in cooperation with the Presidency of the EUSDR, by invitation only</i></p>
9:30 - 17:00	<b>Room 1</b>	<p><b>Innovation camp on Strengthening innovation and smart specialisation for sustainability in the Adriatic and Ionian Macro-region</b>  <i>The Interreg Euro-Med 2021-2027 Dialogue4Innovation project, in collaboration with the EUSAIR Presidency and the Interreg IPA ADRION 2021-2027 Programme - all day event**</i></p>
		<p>The 2-days innovation camp focuses on exploring opportunities to strengthening smart specialisation for sustainability in the Adriatic and Ionian Macro-region. Participants will know about the approach proposed by the Interreg Euro-Med Mission Innovative Sustainable Economy institutional dialogue project to address complex environmental and social challenges. The results of the innovation camp will be used to define the basis for the collaboration between the Euro-Med Mission community and the EUSAIR stakeholder networks.</p>
	<b>Room 2</b>	<p><b>Innovation camp, 1. day,</b>  <i>Dialogue4Innovation cooperation with Euro-MED – workshops - to see **</i></p>
	<b>Room 3</b>	
11:00 - 13:30	<b>Room 4</b>	<p><b>Interreg IPA EUSAIR Youth Conference: Frontloading Youth Embedment in European Territorial Cooperation</b>  <i>CDI - DG Regio – EUSAIR</i></p> <p>The multistakeholder Youth-led Interreg IPA EUSAIR Youth Conference is part of a series of events organized by CDI Albania in partnership with the European Commission to promote the Youth Manifesto in the WB6 region and advance youth embedment in the programming and decision-making processes of INTERREG IPA and EUSAIR.</p>

<b>16:30 - 18:00</b>	<b>Room 5</b>	<b>FAIC GB meeting</b>

### 23 May, evening hours

Welcoming cocktail for all participants of the 8th Forum, 19:30 - 21:30, Hotel Europe, separate dinner for the AII/EUSAIR ministers

### 24 May – registration from 8:30

<b>09:30 - 10:15</b>	<b>Congress Room</b>	<b>Official opening of the 8th EUSAIR Forum</b>
<b>10:15 - 11:30</b>	<b>Congress Room</b>	<b>High Level Panel at the 8th EUSAIR Forum, "The role of the AII and the EUSAIR in the acceleration of the European Integration process"</b>
<b>11:30 - 12:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>12:00 - 13:30</b>	<b>Congress Room</b>	<b>Social Pillar within EUSAIR, the final event</b> <i>Cooperation with several Croatian ministries</i>
	<b>Room 1</b>	<b>Innovation camp, 2. day</b> - to see ** <i>Possible postponement of the start of the meeting (All Ministerial meeting will be organised in the Room 1 before)</i>
	<b>Room 2</b>	<b>Meeting the Youth, Meeting with Sarajevo University Students, Youth Associations from Bosnia and Herzegovina</b> <i>CPMR-MYC</i>
Interactive workshop where representatives of the Mediterranean Youth Council have a dialogue with local young people from the EUSAIR area (Youth associations, University students or others) to share personal experiences, identify the differences in inequalities between countries represented, the causes...  In a collaborative manner, a youth restitution will be prepared, where their point of view on the different issues is shared and some actions to tackle them are pinpointed.		

<p><b>Room 3</b></p>	<p><b>EUSAIR Pillar 1 Session - Blue growth emerging/promising sectors fostering development and sustainability in the Adriatic and Ionian Region</b>  <i>Thematic Steering Group Pillar 1</i></p> <hr/> <p>Emerging sectors of the Blue Economy can serve both the needs of economic development of the Adriatic and Ionian regions and sustainability towards the challenges of climate change. Also, they have the potential to generate economic growth, create jobs, and support local communities, while ensuring the protection and conservation of the marine ecosystem and its resources.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify the needs and potential of the blue economy's emerging sectors in Adriatic and Ionian regions;</li> <li>2. Define which are the most promising emerging sectors in new and innovative technologies in the blue economy sector.</li> <li>3. Provide collaboration, knowledge sharing to fulfil that potential.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Room 4</b></p>	<p><b>EUSAIR towards the Green and Circular Economy-Territorial Challenges and Regional Development</b>  <i>Three Fora and AI_NURECC Plus Initiative</i></p> <hr/> <p>The event will examine how successful circularity-based and innovative local development policies and policy instruments need to create interconnections between and within sectors, institutions and local actors. There will also be specific focuses on the bioeconomy and circular economy in tourism. Indeed, the bioeconomy aims to drive both sustainable development and circularity through reuse, repair and recycling, reducing the amount and total impact of waste. At the same time circular tourism is the application of circular economy approaches to the tourism sector in order to achieve sustainable tourism.</p>
<p><b>Room 5</b></p>	<p><b>EUSAIR POPRI youth competition of business ideas 2023</b>  <i>Adriatic-Ionian technology parks</i></p> <hr/> <p>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</p>

		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.
	<b>Room 6</b>	<p><b>Presentation of the TRIBUTE Transnational Network</b> <i>Transport and mobility sector</i></p> <p>The TRIBUTE TN includes stakeholders in transport and mobility sector (e.g. Public Administrations, transport agencies and industries, associations of citizens, ...) from cities of the Adriatic-Ionian Region. It has been set up within the framework of the Interreg ADRION project TRIBUTE (Integrated and Innovative actions for sustainable Urban mobility upgrade) with the aim to strengthen the transnational cooperation within the Adriatic-Ionian macro-region by exchanging experiences (best practices), ideas and projects about the future needs of urban mobility.</p>
	<b>Room 7</b>	<p><b>B2B (EEN BiH)</b> <i>Possible slight postponement of the start of the meeting (Press Conference by Trio Heads of Delegation will be organised in the Room 7 before)</i></p>
<b>13:30 - 15:00 Lunch break</b>		
<b>15:00 - 16:30</b>	<b>Congress Room</b>	<p><b>Promoting EU integration through sustainable agriculture and green rural development in the EUSAIR non-EU countries – the final event</b> <i>Italian MFAIC and CIHEAM - Bari, Italy</i></p>
	<b>Room 1</b>	<b>Innovation camp, 2. day - to see **</b>
	<b>Room 2</b>	<p><b>Debate with policymakers - Politicians let's cooperate: Building bridges with young people for a future without inequalities</b> <i>CPMR-MYC</i></p> <p>The exchange with policy makers from the EUSAIR area. To begin with, a MYC Youth representative can present the</p>

		<p>restitution to give a context. The main objective is to find concrete ways to collaborate, discuss the involvement of young people in politics, analyse the possible organisation of events together, ways to reach more young people and reflect on the Med Youth Challenge that will be organized later on during the year to ally youth and politicians together.</p>
	<b>Room 3</b>	<p><b>EUSAIR Pillar 2 Energy networks subgroup session - Designing an Energy Green Deal for the Adriatic-Ionian Region to Confront the Challenges of Climate Change and Energy Security</b>  <i>TSG Pillar 2- Energy Networks Subgroup</i></p>
		<p>The Session is focusing on the idea of an Energy Green Deal for the Adriatic-Ionian Region which means an increased degree of energy cooperation with regard to the “greening” of the energy systems and their integration while facing the shared challenges. During the Session the preliminary outcomes, priorities and recommendations will be presented as they are emerging from the two strategic EUSAIR projects “Master Plan on Energy Networks for the Adriatic-Ionian Region” and “Road Map towards a EUSAIR Power Exchange and Natural Gas Trading Hub for the Adriatic-Ionian Region.</p>
	<b>Room 4</b>	<p><b>Circular economy and aquatic resources: how to manage inland and coastal waters in smart and circular way</b>  <i>Three Fora and AI-NURECC Plus Initiative</i></p>
		<p>The optimal management of water resources is an essential goal considering the impacts that climate change has on the environment. The Covid-19 pandemic has also become an element of further pressure on water resource management, emphasizing the need for a more sustainable and resilient economic, social and environmental system.</p> <p>New EU rules on water reuse and initiatives provide excellent conditions for instilling more sustainability and circularity into the water management sector in the near future. Cities and Regions can play a decisive role in guaranteeing full compliance with relevant EU water legislation and for preserving freshwater resources in the long term.</p> <p>The High-Level Conference aims to be an exchange on the latest information in the field of water management and</p>

		circular economy and to map the biggest challenges that EUSAIR countries are currently facing.
	<b>Room 5</b>	<b>EUSAIR POPRI youth competition of business ideas 2023</b> <i>Adriatic-Ionian technology parks</i>
	<b>Room 6</b>	
	<b>Room 7</b>	<b>B2B (EEN BiH)</b>

***Agenda for the AII Council (Ministerial) Meeting (TBC)***

*11:30 - 11:45 Family Photo*

*11:45 - 13:15 AII Ministerial meeting*

*13:15 - 13:45 Press Conference by Trio Heads of Delegation*

*13:15 - 14:15 Possible bilateral meetings*

*14:30 - 15:45 Lunch for the participants of AII Ministerial Meeting (r. Libertas)*

**18:30 - 21:00 Take over of the Chairmanship of AII and EUSAIR Presidency to Croatia followed by the cocktail / finger food for all participants in the Botanical Garden of National Museum**

**25 May – registration from 8:30**

<b>9:30 - 11:00</b>	<b>Congress Room</b>	<p><b>AII Round table: Better together: academic and business world for social, cultural, economic growth of the Adriatic-Ionian Region</b> <i>Three Fora and AII</i></p>
		<p>The challenge we face is to invest in human capital and create training paths with a practical cut. In this process, the Universities need to involve students in the decision making process to better understand their needs and to help them in building a better future.</p> <p>During the AII Round table the representatives of universities will go deep into the connection between academic and business world, also by presenting best practices such as the Erasmus + Consortium “Uniadriatic Italy”, the “Western-Balkaship” mobility programme, the Capacity Building “ESN-AIR” project and others.</p>

	<b>Room 1</b>	<b>EUSAIR Pillar 2 Transport Subgroup session - Planning for Sustainable Urban Mobility in the Adriatic and Ionian Region</b> <i>TSG Pillar 2 - Transport Subgroup</i>
	<b>Room 2</b>	
	<b>Room 3</b>	
	<b>Room 4</b>	<b>EUSAIR Pillar 3 Environmental Quality Session - Promoting climate change adaptation disaster risk prevention through RBM, ICZM and MSP</b> <i>Thematic Steering Group Pillar 3 - Environmental Quality</i>
	<b>Room 5</b>	<b>EUSAIR POPRI youth competition of business ideas 2023</b> <i>Adriatic-Ionian technology parks</i>
	<b>Room 6</b>	<b>ERASMUS for EUSAIR Young Entrepreneurs</b> <i>DG Grow</i>
	<b>Room 7</b>	
<b>11:00 - 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>11:30 - 13:00</b>	<b>Congress Room</b>	<b>Increasing competencies and skills in the Adriatic-Ionian region</b> <i>IPA ADRION</i>
	<b>Room 1</b>	
	<b>Room 2</b>	<b>EUSAIR Pillar 4 Sustainable Tourism session: Educated and skilled workforce for sustainable tourism in EUSAIR region</b> <i>TSG Pillar 4- Sustainable Tourism</i>
		To slow down the brain drain, the youth should be given the opportunities to learn, to gain new skills, to broaden the horizons. Youth is curious, brave, impatient. The education is the key instrument for making changes. Tourism sector needs educated and skilled people to perform the double transition of the sector, to find and retain new talents. For a resilient EUSAIR region, the question of education and skills should be put as a high priority.



	To contribute to strengthening the competitiveness of the EUSAIR countries by increasing the quality of education for integrated sustainable destination management and enhancing smart specialization, diversification of tourism offer (special interest product development), innovation and human capital development of AIR destination
<b>Room 3</b>	
<b>Room 4</b>	<p><b>Youth-led Event on Skills</b> <i>Adriatic Ionian Euroregion and AI-NURECC Plus Initiative</i></p> <hr/> <p>Goals: Taking step from previous AIYOFs and with a view to advance with youth engagement in the EUSAIR, the goals of the Sarajevo event will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● present the AIYN as an open network of youth organisations coming from all EUSAIR countries as well as the steps taken so far;</li> <li>● discuss the brain drain as one of the major problems affecting Adriatic Ionian youth;</li> <li>● explore the possibility to engage the AIYN institutionally, making it part of the EUSAIR governance as a permanent stakeholder;</li> <li>● define a pathway for a more structured inclusion of youth in policy-making and implementation at regional, national and macroregional level.</li> </ul>
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<b>Room 6</b>	
<b>Room 7</b>	
<b>13:00 - 13:30</b>	<b>Closing of the Forum</b>
<b>13:30 - 15:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>

16:30 - 20:00 Transfer to the starting point of the cable car to Trebević, travel to Trebević by cable car. At the end point, some refreshment and finger food will be provided, with excellent view over Sarajevo

**NOTE: the changes of locations (Rooms) of specific events are possible depending on number applications received and capacity of the room, of course if this will not cause major logistical problems.**

\* part of time allocated for Dialogue4LivingAreas (aim at implementing a sustainable Euro-Mediterranean Green Living Areas' Institutional Dialogue Association Nice City) - cooperation with Euro-MED

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**Expected participants:** local, regional, national and macroregional policy makers, smart specialisation and territorial development researchers and practitioners, and other stakeholders from the Mediterranean innovation ecosystem.

**Registration:** There are limited seats available for the innovation camp. Registration is compulsory. Preference will be given to participants attending the plenary session and the two workshops. Confirmed participants will receive preparatory materials before the event.

**Three Fora:** Forum AIC, UniAdrion, FAIC (Adriatic and Ionian civil society, Forum of Cities, Universities and Chambers of Commerce)