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## Mediterranean Coast and Macro-regional Strategies Week 2024

### Stronger cooperation for better future

Izola, Slovenia

EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC				
DATE	TIME	TIME EVENT		
TUESDAY, 17.9.2024	14:15 – 15:45	Macro-regions strengthening S3 interregional cooperation  Speakers:  Coen De Graaf, S3 Community of Practice Secretariat  Esa Kokkonen, EUSBSR Policy Area Innovation coordinator, Director at The Baltic Institute of Finland  Viktor Nedović, EUSDR Priority Area 7 Knowledge Society coordinator & Serbian S3 team leader, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development  Paola Pinto, Basilicata S3 team member  Alessandro Daraio, Innovation expert at Emilia Romagna region  Moderated by Marko Hren, Slovenian S3 team leader, Ministry of Cohesion and Regional Development of Slovenia	Izola, InnoRennew	
TUESDAY, 17.9.2024	16:00 – 18:00	Driving Circular Economy in EU macro-regions - Updates and Future Directions  Speakers:  Esa Kokkonen, EUSBSR Policy Area Innovation coordinator, Director at The Baltic Institute of Finland  Iztok Škerlič, Pillar 3 - Environmental Quality, EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region	Izola, InnoRennew	













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**STRATEGIJ** 

		Majda Potokar, Tehnološki park Ljubljana, Cross-cutting priority 4 on circular economy, EU Strategy for the Alpine Region  Sophie Scarvelis, Head of Unit, Joint Secretariat, Interreg Euro-MED  Moderated by Ilze Ciganska, Interact programme	
TUESDAY, 17.9.2024	19:30 – 23:00	DINNER	Izola, Svetilnik Beach
WEDNESDAY, 18.9.2024	9:30 – 12:00	From Vision to Action – shaping our macro-regions' future  Speakers: The first round of discussion (1st panel)  Slawomir Tokarski, Director for European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-Regions, Interreg and Programme Implementation, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy  Jure Vršnak, Deputy Director General for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia  Harald Stranzl, National Coordinator for the EU Strategy for the Danube Region and the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of Austria  The second round of discussion (2nd panel)  Christina Bauer, Head of Managing Authority, Interreg Alpine Space programme  Lodovico Gherardi, Head of Managing Authority, Interreg IPA- ADRION programme  Vesna Engelman, Programme manager, Interreg Slovenia-Croatia programme	Izola, InnoRennew













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		Moderated by Nina Seljak, National coordination for EU Macro-Regional Strategies, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia and Baiba Liepa, Interact programme	
WEDNESDAY, 18.9.2024	12:00 – 12:50	LUNCH	Izola, Manzioli Palace
WEDNESDAY, 18.9.2024	13:00 – 13:30	OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 2024 MEDITERRANEAN COAST AND MACROREGIONAL STRATEGIES WEEK  Speakers: Milan Bogatič, Mayor, Municipality of Izola  Marko Štucin, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia	Izola, Manzioli Palace
WEDNESDAY, 18.9.2024	13:30 - 14:30	Cohesion Policy post 2027: macro-regions and EU programmes - addressing common challenges more effectively through coordinated efforts  Speakers:  Aleksander Jevšek, Minister, Ministry of Cohesion and Regional Development of Slovenia  Domagoj Mikulić, State Secretary, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds of Croatia  Slawomir Tokarski, Director, European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-regions, Interreg and Programme Implementation, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission  Moderated by Barbara Zrimšek	Izola, Manzioli Palace
WEDNESDAY, 18.9.2024	15:00 – 18:30	DIGITAL ALPS CONFERENCE 2024  Opening and introduction into the Conference and v	Izola, InnoRennew
		15:00  Carlo Vigna, Leader of Action Group 5 - Connectivity	













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		Nataša Čerin,	Deputy Mayor of Izola
		Tanja Strniša,	, National Coordinator for EU Macro-regional Strategies
	15:15	and mountain	ech on the relevance of the digital transformation of rural n territories  enova Duh, Minister, Ministry of Digital Transformation of
	15:35	EU Commission	ech on AI perspectives for mountain and rural areas from on oglou, Directorate General for Digital Services, European
	15:55		to parallel workshops , Moderator of the event
	16:15	Workshops in parallel	Opportunities for digital transformation of rural territories: the role of macro-regional strategies  Speakers: Esa Kokkonen, The Baltic Institute of Finland  Denis Goja, Padna Local Community  Marina Balaic, Green Point  Darja Kukovic, ITC Murska Sobota  Moderated by Peter Niederer, Swiss Centre for mountain regions (SAB)  The potentials of Dataspaces & Artificial Intelligence in the Alpine area  Speakers: Mohammed Kussai Shahin, Trentino Digitale  Matteo Gerosa, Bruno Kessler Foundation













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				Christian Micheloni, University of Ud	ine
				Clemens Gruber, Upper Austria Gove	rnment
				Gianmarco Piola, Piemonte Innova Fo	oundation
				Chiara Cortiana, EUSALP Youth Counc	cil
				Moderated by Elisa Morganti, HIT F	oundation & <b>Mario</b>
				Pichler, SCCH	
				New ways of work to encourage the sin mountain areas	ettlement of youth
				Speakers:	
				Cassiano Luminati, Polo Poschiavo	
				Lionel Croissant, Institute of Adv	vanced Studies in
				Education and Training	
				Luca Daprà, BASIS Vinschgau Venosta	ı
				Martine Chaligné, AFRAT	
				Sandra Pasaricek, EUSALP Youth Cou	ncil
				Moderated by Annalisa Cevasco, AN	CI Liguria
			Plenary session	on: Wrap-up of the workshops in paral	lel
		17:45	<b>Mitja Ruzzier,</b> in parallel	Moderator of the event and moderato	rs of the workshops
		18:15	Conclusions and way ahead		
			Carlo Vigna, L	eader of Action Group 5 - Connectivity	and accessibility
THURSDAY, 19.9.2024	9:00 – 17:00			nstruction Activities in the Sea and g good environmental status of the	Izola, Manzioli Palace
			Setting The So	cene Purpose of The Consultation	
		9:00 – 9:45	Speakers:		











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		Senad OPRAŠIĆ, EUSAIR Pillar Coordinator for Thematic Steering Group
		3 - Environmental Quality, Bosnia and Herzegovina
		Mitja Bricelj, EUSAIR Pillar Coordinator for Thematic Steering Group 3 -
		Environmental Quality, Slovenia
		Robert Turk, Slovenian National Decade Committee
		Iztok Škerlič, Municipality of Izola
		Natural Features of the Slovenian Sea and the Seashore
		Speakers: Kaja Šušmelj, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Natural Sciences and
10:0	0 – 10:45	Engineering
		Borut Mavrič, National Institute of Biology, Marine Biology Station
		Matjaž Ličer, Slovenian Environment Agency and National Institute of
		Biology - Marine Biology Station
		Characteristics of Construction Activities in the Sea and On the
		Seashore
		Speakers:
		Gregor Čok, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Civil and Geodetic
		Engineering, Manca Plazar, Architectural and Urban Planning Activities
		Engineering, Mariea Flazar, Aremicectara and orban Flamming Activities
11.0	0 – 12:00	Janko Logar, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Civil and Geodetic
11.0	0 – 12.00	Engineering, <b>Lilian Batellino</b> , OPI Inter, Ljubljana
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		Dušan Žagar, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Civil and Geodetic
		Engineering
		Andrej Kryžanowski, Simon Rusjan, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of
		Civil and Geodetic Engineering
		Impacts of Construction Activities on the Sea and the Seashore
		Speakers:
13:0	0 – 14:00	Jure Železnik, Morigenos – Slovenian Marine Mammal Society &
		Aarhus University – Departement of Ecoscience, section for Marine
		Mammal Research













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			Borut Mavrič, National Institute of Biology, Marine E	Biology Station
			Rok Soczka Mandac, Institute for Water of the Repu	blic of Slovenia
			Tina Trampuš, Bela breza, consulting on coexistence	with nature
			Way Forward - Possible Guidelines and Measures	
			Speakers:	
			Jerneja Penca, Science and Research Centre Koper, N	Mediterranean
			Institute for Environmental Studies	
			Sabina Cepuš, ZaVita d.o.o., Ljubljana	
		14:15 – 15:45	Andreja Popit, Institute for Water of the Republic of	Slovenia
			<b>Tina Centrih Genov</b> , Institute of the Republic of Slov	enia for Nature
			Conservation	
			Mitja Bricelj, EUSAIR Pillar Coordinator for Thematic	Steering Group 3 -
			Environmental Quality, Slovenia	
			Robert Turk, Slovenian National Decade Committee	
		16.00	Conclusions and recommendations	
		Soft Skills: Con	nmon goals, common ground	
		Join the meeting now		Izola,
		Meeting ID: 325 068 211 020		InnoRennew
		Passcode: hFp	o2wS	
THURSDAY,	14:00 – 18:00		Opening remarks	
19.9.2024				
			Speakers:	
		14:00 –14:15	Elisabetta Sovilla, Leader of Action Group 3 – Labour	r market, education
			and training	
			Tanja Strniša, National Coordinator for EU Macro-re	gional Strategies











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	Soft Skills from theory to practice: from the AG 3 Study to the testing phase
	Speakers:
14:15 –15:00	Enzo Forner, Istituto di Ricerche Economiche e Sociali del Friuli-Venezia
- 1100 - 10100	Giulia Impresa Sociale (IRES FVG)
	Gabriella Mocolle, Autonomous Region Friuli-Venezia Giulia
	Moderated by Cassiano Luminati, Polo Poschiavo
	The rise of soft skills in educational and professional contexts: examples from EUSALP territories
	Speakers:
	Francesco Pisanu, Education Department of the Autonomous Province
	of Trento
15.00 15.50	Umberto Pessot, Employment Agency of the Autonomous Province of
15:00 – 15:50	Trento / Action Group 3 – Labour market, education and training
	Darja Kukovic, Innovation Technology Cluster (Slovenia)
	Chiara Cortiana, EUSALP Youth Council
	Moderated by Luca Daprà, BASIS Vinschgau Venosta
	Learning from each other: soft skills experiences across MRSs
	Speakers:
	Gunnar Anderzon, EU Strategy for the Baltic Region
16:10 – 16:50	Simon Colnar, EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region representative
	Jörg Mirtl, EU Strategy for the Danube Region representative
	<b>Moderated by Estelle Roger</b> , Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy
16:50 17:30	EUSALP coast-to-coast: soft skills for mountain and blue economies
16:50 – 17:30	Speakers:











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			Cristina Cesaro, Maritime Technology Cluster Friuli-Venezia Giulia (MARE FVG)  Darko Mali, Center of the Republic of Slovenia for Vocational Education  Representative of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (TBC)  Moderated by Andrea Giacomelli, Autonomous Region Friuli-Venezia
		17:30 – 17:50	Q&A
		17:50 – 18:00	Wrap-up and conclusions  Elisabetta Sovilla, Leader of Action Group 3 – Labour market, education and training
FRIDAY, 20.9.2024	9:00 – 11:00	Commission (commemorativart meet'  Speakers: Vidar Helgeser Director-Gener  Gašper Hrastel for UNESCO  Borut Mavrič, N  Mitja Bricelj, El 3 - Environmen  Patricija Mozer the National Co	sary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic IOC/UNESCO) in Slovenia: Presentation of the ve publication 'Mirrors of the Sea: when science and in, Executive Secretary of IOC/UNESCO and Assistant all of UNESCO (video address)  ij, Secretary General, Slovenian National Commission  Izola,  National Institute of Biology  USAIR Pillar Coordinator for Thematic Steering Group atal Quality, Slovenia  tič, National Institute of Biology and Chairperson of committee for the IOC  vec, National Institute of Biology  National Committee for the IOC  Academy painter



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		Maritime Spatial Plans (MSP) as enablers of the European Green Deal (EGD): Discussion on the recommendations prepared by the MSP-Green (EMFAF) Project	
FRIDAY, 20.9.2024	11:30 – 14:00	Speakers Pierpaolo Campostrini, MSP-GREEN project coordinator, Consortium for coordination of research activities concerning the Venice lagoon system (CORILA)  Martina Bocci, Consortium for coordination of research activities concerning the Venice lagoon system (CORILA)	Izola, Manzioli Palace
		Emiliano Ramieri, CNR Istituto di Scienze Marine	

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION		
MONDAY, 16.9.2024	13:00 – 17:00	EUSALP: EB - BAGL meeting	Portorož		
	9:00 – 12:00	EUSALP: EB - BAGL meeting	Portorož		
TUESDAY, 17.9.2024	10:00 – 13:00	Meeting of EUSAIR Smart Specialisation Strategy Authorities	Izola, InnoRenew		
WEDNESDAY	14:30	PRESS CONFERENCE	Izola, Manzioli Palace		
WEDNESDAY, 18.9.2024	15:00 – 18:00	Communicating the impact: Enhancing macroregional narratives for EU stakeholders (Interact workshop)	Izola, InnoRenew		
THURSDAY, 19.9.2024	8:30 – 12:00	Communicating the impact: Enhancing macroregional narratives for EU stakeholders (Interact workshop)	Izola, InnoRenew		
FRIDAY, 20.9.2024	8:30 – 11:00	Informal meeting of EU MRS Support Units	Izola, Municipality of Izola		



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