

PILLAR II: Connecting the Region

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Pillar II - Transport

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Pillar 2: Connecting the Region – Strategic Overview

The 2024 Action Plan expands the vision of regional connectivity beyond traditional infrastructure. While maintaining its core aim of improving transport and energy networks, it now emphasizes sustainability, digitalization, and territorial cohesion.

The Pillar aims to reduce bottlenecks, harmonize regulatory frameworks, and foster integrated services across borders. Compared to the 2020 version, the new Action Plan introduces a broader, more strategic scope that aligns with the EU's Green Deal and digital transition.

Additions

- Integration of green and digital dimensions
- Emphasis on regulatory harmonization and service accessibility



Maritime and Multimodal Connectivity

Maritime transport remains central, with an updated focus on coordinated traffic monitoring, port efficiency, and sustainability. The multimodal approach is strengthened to include not just intermodal connections but seamless integration across transport systems, including digital solutions and last-mile delivery.

Additions

- Use of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)
- Expanded focus on logistics efficiency and environmental impact
- Inclusion of regulatory and data-driven coordination



Urban Nodes – A New Dimension

For the first time, the Action Plan introduces Urban Nodes as a standalone topic. Recognizing their role in economic growth and innovation, urban areas are now framed as strategic hubs that must balance development with environmental and social sustainability. The goal is to improve accessibility to services and innovations, particularly in rural and suburban areas.

New Topic

- Urban Nodes – not present in the 2020 Action Plan
- Aimed at integrating urban growth with sustainability and connectivity
- Focuses on improving infrastructure, mobility, and digital access in less connected areas



Useful links

EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region

<https://www.adriatic-ionian.eu/>

EUSAIR Pillar 2 – Connecting the Region

<https://www.adriatic-ionian.eu/pillars/2-connecting-the-region/>

9th EUSAIR Action Plan (Revised)

https://www.adriatic-ionian.eu/download/9th-revised-eusair-action-plan_30-9-2024/

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