

Pact for Blue Skills

Pact for Regional Skills Partnership for
Sustainable Blue Economy in EUSAIR

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This session concern our efforts to introduce a "Regional Pact for Blue Skills in EUSAIR", aiming to establish a partnership under the EU's Pact for Skills initiative to enhance sustainable blue economy practices. Our target is to highlight the benefits of regional collaboration, update on the drafting of the pact, and discuss the next steps toward stakeholder engagement.

This initiative is aligned with post-2027 EUSAIR priorities - such as green transition, climate resilience, and EU enlargement - and promotes skill development in blue sectors (e.g., marine services, coastal industries).

Following the previous session, where the advantages of upskilling the local population were presented by our esteemed experts, and the start of this session, where were presented the initiatives of European Commission to boost Blue Economy, and the initial proposal to establish the "Blue Skills Pact in EUSAIR", an update shall be given on the steps made until now towards its implementation.

From the inaugural event of this effort, on the 10th of December in Piraeus, Greece, a series of stakeholders were informed, and contact us.



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Discussion were made, and analytical information were shared, including dedicated teleconferences, with the following stakeholders, which express their initial interest to participate in a Blue Skills Pact in our region:

Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, Balkan and Black Sea Commission

European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation Amphictyony

General Confederation of Workers of Greece, Institute of Labor, Greece

Hellenic Aquaculture Producers Organisation, Greece

Hellenic Center of Marine Research, Greece

Maritime Innovation Cluster, Croatia

Regione del Veneto, Italy

University of Aegean, Department of Marine Sciences, Greece

University of Aegean, Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, Greece

University of Montenegro, Faculty of Maritime Studies, Montenegro

University of Montenegro, Institute of Marine Biology, Montenegro

University of Patras, Department of Aquaculture & Fisheries, Greece

University of Thessaly, Department of Ichthyology & Aquatic Environment, Greece



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During the successful event of the 10th of December in Piraeus, which gathered more than 90 participants, the Pillar Coordinators of Pillar 1 (Blue Sustainable Economy) were authorised to prepare a draft document outlining the Blue Skills regional partnership. This draft will be consulted in upcoming meetings with all the interested stakeholders, with the goal to be signed by the interested stakeholders and establish a regional Blue Skills partnership by the end of Autumn 2025.

This Regional Pact for Blue Skills aims to bring together all types and sizes of businesses, from EU umbrella organisations, social partners, vocational and education training providers, to regional / municipal authorities, to speak with a unified voice in supporting specific commitments to reskilling and upskilling the Region's workforce in an effort to meet the objectives of the twin green and digital transition, and bolster the resilience of the blue sustainable economy ecosystem in the medium to long-term.

This partnership promotes joint actions in order to meet the skills needs of the entire workforce of the Adriatic - Ionian blue sustainable economy ecosystem, ensuring that any new skills are embedded in the overall policy and curricula for vocational education and training.



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The draft is now in final stage, will be circulated to interested parties, and includes the following chapters:

- A) The Challenges
- B) The Proposal
- C) The planned activities
- D) Targets and Key milestones
- E) Partnership rules and arrangements

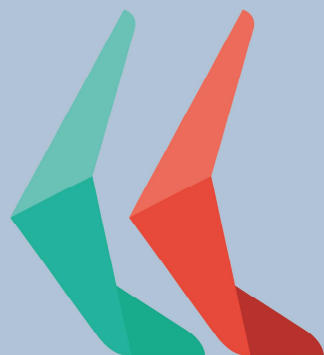
Potential Participants

- ☐ Institutional stakeholders
- ☐ Members of the Thematic Steering or Action Groups of the EUSAIR
- ☐ Academia and Clusters in:
 - *fisheries,*
 - *aquaculture,*
 - *maritime governance,*
 - *ports and sea services*

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If you are interested to participate, or need further information,
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Thank you