PROGRAMME OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING

of the Mediterranean Coast and Macro-regional Strategies Week 2025

Stronger cooperation for better future Izola, Slovenia

Dear Sir or Madam,

We kindly invite you to the official opening of the 10th Mediterranean Coast and Macro-regional Strategies Week 2025 under the slogan "Stronger cooperation for better future" which will be held on Tuesday, 16th of September 2025 at 10:00 am at Manzioli palace, Izola, Slovenia.

The distinguished speakers for the official opening of the Mediterranean Coast and Macro-regional Strategies Week 2025 will be:

- Milan Bogatič, Mayor, Municipality of Izola,
- Ambassador **Barbara Žvokelj**, Secretary-General, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia,

As part of the official opening, a high-level political panel will follow under the title: »Cohesion Policy post 2027: More cooperation, more Europe«.

The panel will be attended by the following distinguished guests:

- mag. Marko Koprivc, State Secretary for Cohesion Policy, Ministry of Cohesion and Regional Development,
- > **Dr. Vladimir Prebilič**, Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Committee on Regional Development,
- ➤ Roland Arbter, Deputy Director, Republic of Austria, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management, Directorate III/6 Coordination Regional Policy and Spatial Planning, EUSDR National Coordinator,
- ➤ Johan Magnusson, Team Leader for the EU Strategies for the Danube and the Baltic Sea Regions, European Commission, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, Unit D.1 Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional/External Cooperation, Enlargement.

The official opening will be an introduction to a rich program of the Mediterranean Coast and Macroregional Strategies Week 2025.

Warmly welcome!

The Mediterranean Coast and Macro-regional Strategies Week 2025
Organizing Team