

THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON THE EUSAIR MASTER PLAN ON ENERGY FOR THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN REGION

Energy outlook, priorities and prospects

The thematic workshop is organized within the framework of the activities of the **Thematic Steering Group 2 (TSG2) on Energy of the EUSAIR Pillar 2 "Connecting the Region"** with the support of the EUSAIR Facility Point PP6 Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region.

The workshop will discuss the **new EUSAIR Master Plan on Energy**, its objectives, priorities and challenges, supporting the Region's path towards a green, secure and connected energy system.

Discussions will focus on cross-border cooperation, renewable energy deployment, energy efficiency, and innovation, paving the way towards a carbon-neutral and integrated regional market.



**Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region,
Palace of the Presidency - Piazza dell'Unità
d'Italia 1, Trieste (IT)**
Sala Predonzani - *Entrance from Via dell'Orologio 1*



27 November 2025 (14:30-18:00 hrs)

Hybrid event

Working language: English

REGISTRATION is mandatory at the following [LINK](#)
Participation in person will be subject to confirmation.



CONCEPT

Towards a green and connected energy future:

the Adriatic and Ionian Region is entering a decisive phase of its energy transition. Climate change, energy security concerns and the need for affordable, competitive and clean energy are reshaping the way Countries from the Region cooperate and design their energy systems.

The difficulties in achieving the ambitious goals of The European Green Deal are requesting an update of their policies to understand how to make them achievable. The EUSAIR Master Plan on Energy Networks for the Adriatic and Ionian Region was completed in 2023, and the current **EUSAIR Master Plan on Energy** would embrace a larger spectrum of challenges coherent with the goals of The European Green Deal.

The aim of the current **EUSAIR Master Plan on Energy** is to design and propose means and road-maps on how to make energy systems of the Adriatic and Ionian Region safer, de-carbonised and better connected. The EUSAIR Countries should commit to: work together with a view at the years 2035 and 2050 as their time horizon to secure reliable and diversified energy supplies; strengthen cross-border connections; create a truly integrated regional market; boost renewable energy, energy efficiency and innovative solutions like other non-carbonated energy sources and hydrogen.

Artificial Intelligence, digitalisation would contribute while attracting investment and ensuring that citizens and businesses benefit from cleaner, more affordable and competitive energy service.

Goal of the Thematic Workshop is to discuss the main features of the new Master Plan on Energy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region its objective, priorities, options and open issues. The Thematic Workshop represents an opportunity for governments, regulators, operators, stakeholders and communities, to share their views, contribute with ideas and shape the future of energy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region.

Work on the **EUSAIR Master Plan on Energy** is under progress while its finalisation is anticipated by Spring 2027.



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14:30 – 14:50 Institutional Opening

Chair's Introduction

- **Prof. Sergio Garribba**, Italy – On behalf of Pillar Coordinators of EUSAIR Pillar 2 - Energy
- **Fabio Scocimarro**, Regional Councilor for Environmental Protection, Energy, and Sustainable Development, Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region

14:50 – 15:40 Keynote Presentations

The EUSAIR Master Plan on Energy: Outline, Prospects and Open Issues

- **Davide Tabarelli**, NE Nomisma Energia, Italy
- **Pedja Bulić**, South East Europe Consultants (SEEC), Serbia

Framework Policies for Energy Transition with a View at The European Green Deal

- **Matteo Governatori**, EC DG Energy, Brussels
- **Davor Bajš**, Energy Community, Electricity Infrastructures

15:40 – 16:30 Session 1 – Energy Security, Connectivity and Energy Market Integration

Topics:

- Strengthening cross-border electricity and natural gas interconnections*
- Enhancing grid resilience, storage and flexibility*
- Hydrogen and LNG as transition energy vectors for supply security*

Round Table:

- **Corrado Gadaleta**, Head of Interconnections, Terna, Italy
- **Goran Majstrovic**, Head of Energy Transmission, Hrvoje Pozar Institute, Croatia
- **Apostolos Gkizas**, Head of Electricity Infrastructure Regulation Unit, Regulatory Authority for Energy, Waste and Water (RAAEY), Greece



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16:30 – 17:20 Session 2 – Towards Energy Systems' Decarbonisation: Priorities, Prospects and Proposals

Topics:

- Decarbonising the energy systems, role of digitalisation, AI and non-carbonated energy sources*
- RES deployment (solar, wind, hydro, biomass) in EUSAIR Countries*
- Clean fuels and transport decarbonisation (EVs, hydrogen corridors, biofuels)*
- National pathways to 2050 climate neutrality (Net Zero Emissions Energy Systems)*

Round Table:

- **Goran Nikolovski**, Ministry of Energy, North Macedonia
- **Matija Vajdic**, Head of the RES, Climate, and Environmental Protection Department, Hrvoje Pozar Institute, Croatia
- **Eleftherios Antonopoulos**, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Greece

17:20 - 17:50 Session 3 – Energy Projects and Investments in the Adriatic and Ionian Region for the Long-Term

Topics:

- Investments, stranded costs, roadblocks*
- Current RES/decarbonisation projects*
- Priorities for integration and cooperation*
- Challenges in implementing The European Green Deal*

Round Table:

- **Luca Schieppati**, Managing Director of Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP), Italy
- **Salvatore Lanza**, Director, Balkan Energy School (BES), ARERA, Italy
- **Agis Digkas**, Business and Development Expert at DESFA, Greece
- **Stephen J. Taylor**, Strategic Coordinator of North Adriatic Hydrogen Valley (NAHV) Joint Working Group (FVG Autonomous Region, Slovenia, Croatia)

17:50 – 18:00 Conclusions and Next Steps

Summary of key messages and recommendations by the Chair

18:00-19:00 Closing Cocktail

Caffè degli Specchi, Piazza dell'Unità d'Italia 7

