

Skills for Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism in the Adriatic-Ionian Region

5–6 November 2026

Venue: Hotel Amphora, Split, Croatia

Participants: approximately 50

Chair: Coordinators Thematic Pillar 5 – Improved Social Cohesion, in cooperation with Thematic Pillar 4 – Sustainable Tourism

Organisers: Lead Partner EUSAIR Facility Point Ministry of Local-self Government, Cohesion and Regional Development, Republic of Slovenia and PP4 EUSAIR Facility Point Ministry of Tourism and Sport, Republic of Croatia

Registration: Registration is open on the EUSAIR website [REGISTRATION THEMATIC EVENT](#)

AGENDA

Thursday, 5 November 2026

09:00 – 09:30 *Registration of participants*

09:30 – 10:00

1. Opening of the thematic event

- Welcome remarks and presentation of the objectives of the event
 - **Host:** *Ivana Matošin, Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy Croatia*
 - **Speakers:**
 1. Ivan Vidiš, State Secretary at the Ministry of Labor, Pension System, Family, and Social Policy, Republic of Croatia
 2. Representative of Ministry of Tourism and Sport, Republic of Croatia
 3. Erida Mita, Italian EUSAIR Presidency representative
 4. Jozse Tomaš, predsjednik Gospodarske komore, Split
 5. Gilles Kittel, European Commission, DG REGIO, *tbc*

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10:00 – 10:30	2. European Framework and Future Skills in Tourism – European policies relevant to skills development and sustainable tourism • <i>Robert Babić, Thematic Expert for Pillar 5 EUSAIR</i> – Key trends and findings on skills needs in the tourism sector in the Adriatic-Ionian Region • <i>Prof. Lidija Petrić, PhD, University of Split</i>
10:30 – 11:15	3. Panel 1: Centres of Competence and Excellence – How to Link Education and Training with the Needs of the Tourism Sector? – Presentation of models and good practices projects financed through ESF+ from countries of the Adriatic-Ionian Region ○ Moderator: <i>Filip Miličević, Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy Croatia</i> ○ Panellists: 1. <i>Eleni Nikolaou, Head of the Directorate of Tourism Education and Training Greece</i> 2. <i>Rašeljka Duka, Regional Centre of Competence in the Tourism and Hospitality Sector Split</i> 3. <i>Maja Mimica, Correlate d.o.o.</i>
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 12:45	4. World Café: From Experience to Joint EUSAIR Recommendations - Working Table 1: Future Skills in Tourism • Moderator: <i>Robert Babić, Thematic Expert for Pillar 5 EUSAIR</i> - Working Table 2: Inclusive Tourism and Employment • Moderator: <i>Iva Čaleta Pleša, Ministry of Tourism and Sports Croatia</i> - Working Table 3: Macro-regional Cooperation and Future EUSAIR Initiatives • Moderator: <i>Martina Klapan Štambuk, Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy Croatia</i>
12:45 – 13:30	5. Panel 2: Tourism as an Instrument for Employment and Social Inclusion – Good practices funded through the ESF+ in training, employment and the inclusion of young people and other groups facing barriers to accessing the labour market ○ Moderator: <i>Dunja Šare, Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy Croatia</i> ○ Panellists: 1. <i>Dinka Perković, Head of the Tourism Sustainability Monitoring Service, Ministry of Tourism and Sport</i> 2. <i>Renata Tešija, Splitsko-dalmatinska županija (Dalmatia Storytelling Destination)</i> 3. <i>Sanja Kovačić, Osijek Open University – ESF+ project INKLUTOUR</i>
13:30 – 14:00	6. Plenary Presentation of Results and Conclusions – Presentation of key recommendations from the working groups and possible next steps • <i>Robert Babić, Thematic Expert for Pillar 5 EUSAIR</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch

17:00 – 19:00

Guided tour of Split

Friday, 6 November 2026

09:00 – 14:00

7. Study Visit

- The second day of the event is planned as a study visit to Klis Fortress, during which participants will have the opportunity to learn about concrete examples of tourism development, human capital development, and approaches linking tourism with local economic and social development.