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Strengthening the link between macro-regional policies, territorial governance and concrete climate adaptation actions

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Climate Change Adaptation in the Adriatic-Ionian Region

FROM POLICIES TO PILOTS

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Climate change is already reshaping the Adriatic-Ionian Region, where coastal and inland territories share exposure to floods, droughts, heat, coastal erosion, water scarcity and ecosystem degradation. These risks cross administrative and national borders and require a coordinated response connecting scientific knowledge, public policy, investment and local implementation.

The event is organised by Marche Region within the Italian Presidency of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) 2026–2027 and in connection with the Interreg Italy-Croatia strategic project REALIST.

It builds on the experience developed through the Marche Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan and European cooperation initiatives including ADRIACLIM, CLIMArcheX/CLIMAAX, P2R and REALIST projects. Its core ambition is to close the gap between strategies and delivery by showing how climate-risk evidence can inform governance, investment choices, preparedness measures and pilot actions.

Over two days, EUSAIR governance representatives, European and national institutions, regional and local authorities, research organisations, civil protection bodies, projects and territorial stakeholders will compare approaches and identify solutions that can be transferred across the Macro-Region. Institutional dialogue will be combined with project cases, thematic working groups and a pilot-focused learning session.

The event will generate operational messages for stronger multi-level climate governance, improved cooperation on risk prevention and emergency preparedness, wider transfer of tested solutions and better alignment between adaptation priorities and available funding. The concluding Ancona Roadmap will capture the main proposals, responsibilities and next steps emerging from the discussions.

OBJECTIVES

- Connect EUSAIR and EU policy frameworks with regional and local adaptation delivery.
- Share evidence, tools and pilot solutions developed across the Adriatic-Ionian area.
- Strengthen cross-border cooperation on climate risk, preparedness and recovery.
- Identify transferable actions, financing pathways and priorities for future cooperation.

Day 1

sets the strategic and operational frame for climate adaptation in the Adriatic-Ionian Region. It connects EUSAIR priorities, EU policy perspectives, regional planning tools and pilot experiences. The session aims to identify practical pathways from governance frameworks to transferable implementation models.

Day 2

focuses on co-design, working groups and consolidation of shared recommendations. Participants will translate evidence, pilot results and territorial needs into operational priorities. The session will contribute to the Ancona Roadmap and to future cooperation on climate resilience across the Macro-Region.

FROM STRATEGY TO IMPLEMENTATION

Day 1 – 18 November 2026

TIME	PROGRAMME
09:00–09:30	**Registration and welcome coffee** Participant registration and networking
09:30–10:00	**Institutional opening** Welcome by – Representatives of the Italian Eusair italian presidency (TBC) – Giacomo Bugaro, Marche Region – Regional Minister on economic development – Tiziano Consoli, Marche Region – Regional Minister on environment and climate change – Simonetta Mantovani, Interreg Italy-Croatia Managing Authority Moderator: – Simone Galeotti, University of Urbino - Coordinator of the climate framework agreement between Marche Region and the Marche universities
10:00–10:50	**Keynotes** **EUSAIR and Pillar 3 as a framework for climate resilience** – Mitja Bricelj, EUSAIR Pillar 3 Coordinator **European policy outlook for climate adaptation** – Irene Bonvissuto, Team Leader Adaptation to Climate Change Mission, European Commission
10:50–11:15	**Coffee break**
11:15–12:30	**Session 1: Multi-level sustainability and climate governance in practice** – Kostantino Dellis, P2R Pathways2Resilience initiative *Many Levels, One Pipeline: How the Adaptation Investment Cycle Scales Finance for Sub-National Authorities* – Pierpaolo Campostrini, CORILA *The climate change research activities concerning the Venice lagoon system* – Anna Bombonato, MASE - Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security, Italy Policy Coherence and Multilevel Governance for sustainability: the case of Italy's National Sustainable Development Strategy – Marina Morando, CIMA Foundation *Climate Change Adaptation and Civil Protection: Towards a Nexus in Local Policies"* – Giuseppe Sciacca, CPMR Director Maritime Affaires and Climate - Fisheries & Aquaculture, Blue Economy, Climate Change *The EU MFF2028-2034 on climate change –the perspectives of regions at European level*

12:30–13:30	**Session 2: From policies to pilots** – Lovre Karamarko – Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds - Republic of Croatia *The SP4EUSAIR project to support Climate Change Strategic Projects and Initiatives* – Luca Brocca, National Research Council (CNR) - Geoscience Institute *Digital twins for water management: tools for territories* – Gabriele Antolini, Arpa Emilia Romagna – Realist Project Partner *Climate change adaptation in Emilia-Romagna: from climate knowledge to local action* – Giacomo Pagliaro, Sabina Angeloni- ItaliaMeteo *From forecast to action: transferable weather and climate services for the Adriatic area* – Patrizia Bianconi, EU Regions for Water Resilience *Water Resilience Strategy and the role of the regions: the experience of the EU Regions for Water Resilience Alliance* – Stefano Mariani, ISPRA Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research *From Data to Decisions: In Situ Observations, Models and Copernicus to Inform Policies for Water Sustainability and Resilience*
13:30–14:45	**Networking lunch**
14:45–15:15	**The Marche pathway towards sustainability and climate resilience:** – Gaia Galassi - Francesca Sini - Patrizia Giacomin Marche Region *From ADRIACLIM to the Regional Adaptation Plan and beyond* – Chiara Valentini CSV – Volunteer Support Center of Marche *Engaging civil society and young people for sustainability and climate resilience.*
15:15–16:00	**What makes a pilot transferable?** – Vladimir Santos Da Costa CMCC Foundation Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change *Coastal climate downscaling in the Adriatic basin: advance scientific knowledge of future climate to support local adaptation plans* – Massimo Ponti, University of Bologna *The experience of the NatuReef LIFE Project* **Q&A session**
16:00–16:25	**Day 1 synthesis and questions for Day 2** – Fabio Carnelli, EURAC Research *Rapporteur summary and introduction to the working groups.*
16:25–16:30	**Closing of Day 1**

CO-DESIGNING TRANSFERABLE SOLUTIONS

Day 2 – 19 November 2026

TIME	PROGRAMME
09:30–09:45	**Welcome back and working method: Recap and presentation of expected outputs** – Simone Galeotti, University of Urbino - Coordinator of the climate framework agreement between Marche Region and the Marche universities
09:45–11:15	**Parallel thematic working groups** *The working groups will turn evidence and pilot experiences into concrete recommendations. Each group will focus on a key adaptation challenge and identify priority actions, cooperation needs and transferable solutions. The outputs will contribute directly to the Ancona Roadmap.* – WG1 Risk knowledge and planning – WG2 Early warning and cross-border coordination – WG3 Ecosystem-based and community-centred solutions Facilitator: Maria Valentina Vanceo
11:15–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:15	**Working-group reports** *This session brings together the results of the parallel working groups. Each group will present its main recommendations and one concrete cooperation action. The exchange will help consolidate shared priorities for future adaptation work.*
12:15–12:45	**Towards the Ancona Roadmap for climate adaptation** *The plenary session will consolidate the main messages emerging from the event. Participants will agree on priorities, responsibilities and follow-up opportunities. The outcome will support a practical roadmap for climate adaptation cooperation in the Adriatic-Ionian Region.* **Q&A session**
12:45–14:00	**Networking and farewell lunch**

Working language: English | Speakers and institutional representatives marked "TBC" are subject to confirmation.