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**19th GOVERNING BOARD MEETING** **of the**

**European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)**

**15-16 March 2023**

**Draft operational conclusions**

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| **Item 2**  **Adoption of the Agenda** | * **Agenda was adopted.** |

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| **Item 3**  **Approval of the minutes of the 18th EUSAIR Governing Board meeting** | * **The minutes of the 18th EUSAIR Governing Board meeting with amendments provided by Italy were formally approved.** |

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| **Item 4**  **Presentation of the Implementation of the BiH EUSAIR Programme** | * **The implemented activities and outcomes of the BiH EUSAIR Programme have been acknowledged by EUSAIR Governing Board members, as well as the organisational process of the 8th EUSAIR Annual Forum.** |

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| **Item 5**  **EUSAIR Youth Consultation follow up** | * **The GB members were informed on the results of the two Youth Consultation Task Force (TF) meetings held in Sarajevo (9.1.2023) and on-line (7.3.2023).** * **Regarding the EUSAIR Youth consultation process, Italy will prepare an explanatory paper.** * **The GB members decided that every agreement of the TF will be adopted by consensus.** * **The GB will be informed about the TF progress at the next GB meeting.** |

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| **Item 6**  **Follow up on the embedding process and next steps** | * **The GB members have acknowledged the state of play on embedding process in some of EUSAIR participating countries.** * **EUSAIR Trio Presidency shall prepare a proposal for Council Conclusions on how to make the Managing Authorities Network operational.** |

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| **Item 7**  **Follow up on the Revision of the EUSAIR** | * **The GB was informed by the EC that an accompanying revised EUSAIR communication will be necessary to the revised EUSAIR Action Plan.** * **The GB members were informed on the progress made within the EUSAIR AP Revision Working Group.** * **The GB members gave mandate to the EUSAIR AP Revision Working Group and TSGs to continue with their work on EUSAIR revision process** * **By end of next week (i.e. 24.3.2023) the participating countries provide feedback on proposed new thematic elements based on the table elaborated by the FP Lead Partner in their presentation for Item 7.** * **The GB members agreed, that the revision of the document “Towards a streamlined governance and management architecture for the EUSAIR” will start within the EUSAIR Trio Presidency in Autumn 2023.** |

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| **Item 8**  **Presentation and state of play of the Annual Report of TSG (15 March a.m.)** | * **EUSAIR Governing Board took note of the report from the Technical meeting of Pillar Coordinators and the latest activities of Thematic Steering Groups.** * **The GB members agreed that the TSG3 meetings should be organised in line with the existing Rules of Procedures.** |

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| **Item 11**  **EUSAIR Governance support 2021-2027 by three strategic projects**  ***Item 11 was not closed, therefore additional conclusions might be added when the 19th GB meeting resumes.*** | * **EUSAIR Governing Board took note about state of play in development of 3 strategic projects providing support of 6 functions to EUSAIR.** * **The project concepts of the 3 strategic governance support projects will be shared with the EUSAIR Governing Board members.** * **The GB members decided to discuss this topic on the next GB meeting.** |

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| **Item 14**  **Conclusions and next steps** | * **EUSAIR Governing Board will discuss remaining agenda items (continuation of Item 11 - EUSAIR Governance support 2021-2027 by three strategic projects; Item 9 - Presentation of the IPA ADRION programme - state of play; Item 10 - EUSAIR Facility Point and Item 12 - AII: report on the meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials) on the next GB meeting.** |