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**4th EUSAIR Revision Working Group Meeting**

**11th July 2023, Zagreb**

**Draft operational conclusions**

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| **Item 1&2 - Overview of the Action Plan revision process** |
|  | * The Commission representative presented the timeline of revising the Communication from Commission concerning the European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region from 17.6.2014 (COM (2014) 357 final) and the accompanying Action Plan. The timeline was sent prior to the meeting to the members of the Revision Working Group. The EC representative explained the revision procedure is initiated via a letter sent to the Council of European Union and European Commission, co-signed by four EU EUSAIR participating states. This letter must be sent by the end of July if the proposed timeline is to be realised.
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| **Item 3 - Discussion on 1st Action Plan Draft** |
|  | * Facility Point LP’s external experts, Spatial Foresight, will prepare the final version of the 1st Action Plan Draft and draft Communication by Tuesday, 18 July, incorporating the straightforward comments sent prior to the meeting, expressed at the meeting, as well as comments to be sent on 11 July by Greece and 14 July by Italy. They will also add a general chapter on rolling character of the AP and add a task for TSGs under each Pillar on the necessity to precise the Action Plan elements concerning the horizontal and cross-cutting topics, actions and indicators by spring 2024, as appropriate. [[1]](#footnote-2)
* On July 18th the 1st Action Plan Draft and draft Communication will be sent to NCs, PCs, TSGs, EC for national consultations and EC informal consultation with line DGs. **The deadline for sending back national comments on the drafts is 15 September.** Silent agreement rule applies. The EC representative confirmed that the timeline communicated prior to the meeting could still be kept, even though the input documents approved by the GB will be sent to EC by October 16th.
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| **Item 4 - Discussion on Pillar coordination** |
|  | * Even though the countries appreciated the Presidency raising this question, they agreed the Revision Working Group is not in the position to approve any changes as regards the Pillar coordination. The Presidency will initiate the discussion on that matter at the level of the National Coordinators and the Governing Board.
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| **Item 5 – A.O.B.** |
|  | * Members of the Revision Working Group shall comment by Friday, 14 July COB draft letter sent prior to the meeting by the Facility Point LP. The letter co-signed by the Permanent Representatives to the EU of the EU EUSAIR Participating countries needs to be sent to the Council of European Union and European Commission until the end of July in order to include this item on the agenda of the next European Council meeting to be held in December 2023 and keep the timeline of adoption presented under conclusions of Items 1&2.
* At the same time the EC representative will consult internally and send the Revision Working Group an explanation by Friday, 14 July COB why there is a difference in the procedure of initiating the Strategy revision at the European Commission for EUSALP and EUSAIR.
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1. Description provided in the document: Methodology to guide TSGs in drafting contents of the Action Plan [↑](#footnote-ref-2)