

“Support to Development and Implementation of Strategic Implementation Formats – SP4EUSAIR”

Methodology for Capacity building workshops Pillar 2 – Connecting the Region: Energy

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DEVELOPMENT PATH AND KEY FEATURES

- Drafted: during July–October 2024
- **The goal:** to determine **the status of individual implementation formats** (regarding their maturity level and readiness for implementation)
- Online in-depth interviews with Pillar Coordinators conducted during summer 2024 – to collect qualitative data and enable a deeper understanding of the work done.

The Report has identified for each Pillar the following:

- ✓ Implementation formats development path,
 - ✓ Current state and developed implementation formats,
 - ✓ Specific needs of the pillars,
 - ✓ Summarized list of implementation formats by pillars (Annex 1)
- The Report has been presented and **formally approved on the GB meeting** (10th October 2024).



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MAIN CONCLUSIONS OF THE REPORT

- Initial stages of project development were **complex** (i.e. significant difficulties in transitioning from conceptual ideas to fully developed project proposals)
- **Gaps** in stakeholder engagement and coordination across Pillars (i.e. challenges related to monitoring mechanisms and structured stakeholder engagement)
- **Outdated** nature of some implementation formats (i.e. frequently highlighted the necessity of their update to reflect current needs and priorities)
- Lacking suitable **funding** and **criteria** for project selection
- **Cross-pillar collaboration difficulties** (i.e. missing established rules or procedures for the development of cross-pillar projects)
- ✓ **General remark:** Critical need for **streamlined processes, enhanced collaboration, and targeted resource allocation** to address macro-regional priorities effectively

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IDENTIFIED NEEDS FOR PILLAR 2 – ENERGY

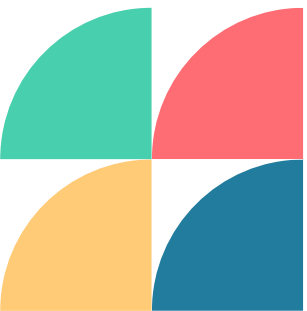
- **Technical assistance** – there is a critical need for technical assistance to support EUSAIR Pillar 2 and the TSG2 on Energy in the work aimed at implementing the activities which are foreseen by the Revised EUSAIR Action Plan.
- **Framework** – the delayed approval of the Revised EUSAIR Action Plan by EC and the ongoing consolidation process are creating uncertainties regarding the forthcoming actions while a solid background is needed for initiative and cooperation within TSG2 on Energy.
- **Project support** – a key role is expected from the SP4EUSAIR Project to support the implementation of the priority strategic projects (Master Plan, Road Maps, other studies, conference and forum) which have been defined and proposed by Pillar 2 TSG2 on Energy in the Revised EUSAIR Action Plan. PCs and Standing Members intend to support SP4EUSAIR Team Leader and the proposed work plan to finalize and activate the implementation formats.
- **Interaction** – the priority strategic projects which have been identified and proposed by the TSG2 on Energy in the Revised EUSAIR Action Plan foresee close interactions with other EUSAIR pillars, EC, Energy Community and key stakeholders. Interactions should be prepared in advance through proper involvement and participation.



CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY FOR TSG 2 ON ENERGY

HOW TO PROCEED FORWARD

- **Capacity building workshops with TSGs** in late 2024 and early 2025
- The goal – to enable conditions for identifying key strategic ideas and sources of financing for future strategic implementation formats.
- **Methodology for the workshops** – the workshops will be **taylor-made and designed for each TSG individually** based on:
 - ✓ **their needs** identified in the Report (A 1.1) and
 - ✓ **their inputs** for further development of the current implementation formats pointed out during the meetings
- **Thematic steering group working reports** on key strategic ideas (based on the outcomes of the workshops) – 1Q 2025





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MAIN OUTLINES OF THE METHODOLOGY

- For Pillar 2 – TSG on Energy capacity building workshop will be structured as **matchmaking panel discussions**.
- PCs will provide **a list of assignments/tasks**, while list of available experts will be provided by SP4EUSAIR in relevant fields. The list will include key details (areas of expertise, years of experience, etc.)
- Within the workshop, the SP4EUSAIR consultant and PCs/TSGs will collaborate **to match experts with the specific assignments/tasks required to improve and further develop the action/master plans**.
- PCs will provide their assistance in the preparation process of ToRs for the assignments/tasks accordingly.

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