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# *Latest achievements*

## *Pillar 1 / TSG 1*

### *(Blue Growth)*

Technical meeting of Pillar Coordinators  
Patras, 12 February 2025

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# *Main TSG activities*

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## ➤ **LAST TSG1 MEETING**

Date and place: **20<sup>th</sup> TSG1 meeting, 9 December 2024 (Piraeus, Greece - Hybrid)**

Missing countries: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, San Marino (not represented in TSG1).

**Main conclusions:** To work further on the better collaboration between the TSG1 members, to the promotion of Pillar 1 activities to the general public, and on the upskilling of blue skills to all those involved or interested on blue economy sectors.

## ➤ **OTHER TSG1 MEETINGS**

**Blue Skills for a Sustainable Blue Economy in Adriatic & Ionian Region:** Organised in Piraeus at the 10th of December (Hybrid), in collaboration with E. Commission (DGs REGIO & MARE), and under the Auspices of the Hellenic Presidency.

**Main conclusions:** The need for all those involved with Blue Economy Sectors in the Macro-Region to proceed with the preparation and signing of a Pact for Blue Skills. The TSG1 Chairs were authorised to prepare a draft and facilitate this effort.



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## ➤ **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE LAST PERIOD**

**Increased visibility of TSG1 priorities and actions in the Region**

## ➤ **FUTURE MEETINGS**

**TSG1 Capacity Building Workshop (co-organized with the SP4EUSAIR)**

Date and place: **21 February 2025 (Online)**

**TSG1 meeting on preparing a Blue Skills Pact**

Date and place: **Mid March 2025 (tbd) (Online)**

**Pillar 1 (Blue Growth) Session in the 10<sup>th</sup> EUSAIR Annual Forum**

Date and place: **6-7 May 2025, Crete, Greece**

**i.** Sustainable development of coastal communities (marine or inland) through blue upskilling of local population, **ii.** Development of a Regional Skills Partnership for Sustainable Blue Economy in EUSAIR region.



# *Main issues and needs for new AP implementation*

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## ➤ **Proper representation from the Countries**

There is a problem of proper representation from some countries, as the list is not updated (even after the efforts of the Facility Point), or - in some cases - the members from administration are not participating or are not well informed on the needs and priorities of Pillar 1 as they do not work on the relevant issues.

## ➤ **Work with Pillar Coordinators under their new Role**

There is a need for better collaboration, and coordination, on how the Pillar Coordinators will work to promote their Pillar's needs and Action Plan to their TSG Members and to the general public, following the new EUSAIR Governance Architecture Paper.





Thank you  
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