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## *Latest achievements Pillar 3/TSG 3*

Technical meeting of Pillar Coordinators  
Patras, 12 February 2025



# *Main TSG 3 activities*

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- **Last TSG 3 meeting: 21st TSG 3 meeting** was held on 12 November 2024, online
- **Key conclusions from the last TSG 3 meeting:**
  - The TSG3 members were informed about the Marine Litter Prevention project: The region of the Western Balkan against plastic pollution of the Adriatic Sea.
  - The TSG3 members were informed about the NAMIRS project results and REMPEC's involvement in the ASOSCoP Flagship activities.
  - The TSG 3 members were informed about the main findings of the Report on existing implementation formats and methodology for capacity building workshop for TSG 3 (SP4EUSAIR Project).
  - The TSG 3 members discussed a **new flagship proposal** with the working title "Promoting Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Prevention through River Basin Management (RBM), Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), and Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)."
- **Next TSG 3 meeting is scheduled in April 2025:**
  - The Greek Presidency has proposed **7 April 2025** as the date for the next TSG 3 meeting, to be held in **Corfu, Greece**. We are currently awaiting confirmation from the TSG 3 members
  - Back-to-back with the TSG 3 meeting, a **workshop** on the **Impacts of Climate Change in the EUSAIR Area** will be organized by the **Hellenic Ministry of Environment, local authorities, and the European Commission** (April 8-9, 2025, Corfu).



# *Main past TSG 3 activities*

## ➤ **Events organised/attended:**

- Workshop **The Impact of Blue Growth on the Environment**, organised by the Ministry of European Affairs, in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of North Macedonia, as part of the activities of the project **"EU Support for the Implementation of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) in North Macedonia"**, with a focus on Pillar 1 "Blue Growth" and Pillar 3 "Environmental Quality". (27 September 2024)
- Workshop **The Impact of the Green Transition on the Environment and Society**, organised by the Ministry of European Affairs, together with the Ministry of Energy, Mining and Mineral Resources, the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning and the Ministry of Social Policy, Demography and Youth of the Republic of North Macedonia, as part of the activities of the project **"EU Support for the Implementation of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) in North Macedonia"**, with a focus on Pillar 3 "Environmental Quality,, (Autumn 2024).



# *Main past TSG 3 activities*

## ➤ Events organised/attended:

- **StEP** - Meeting and discussion on the **Development and promotion of innovation and circular economy - Living Lab (HUB) EUSAIR** (Online, 16 October 2024)
- Public presentation of the **Strategy for the protection of the coastal zone due to the impact of climate change on sea level rise**, organized by the Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport, University of Ljubljana, and the Municipality of Izola (Portorož, Slovenia, 5 November, 2024).
- **TSG 3 Coordinators** presented the TSG 3 activities to the members of the **EUSAIR Youth Council** during the **1st Membership and Capacity Building Meeting of the EUSAIR Youth Council**, held in Dubrovnik from November 21-23, 2024. They encouraged the EYC to **actively participate in and contribute to future TSG 3 activities.**
- **SP4EUSAIR** - meeting to define the role and opportunities of PAP/RAC for cooperation with TSG 3 in the **development of the new flagship proposal:** "Promoting Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Prevention through River Basin Management (RBM), Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), and Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)", (PAP/RAC, 28 January 2025)



# *Main future TSG 3 activities*

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- The dates for the **10th Anniversary Edition of the Mediterranean Coast and Macro-Regional Strategies Week** have been set. The event will take place in **Izola, Slovenia, from 15 to 18 September 2025.**
- **Slogan:** *Stronger cooperation for better future*



Photo: Mediterranean Coast and Macro-Regional Strategies Week 2024



# *Main future TSG 3 activities*

- SP4EUSAIR in collaboration with PAP/RAC: **Online Capacity building workshop for TSG 3 members to elaborate the new flagship proposal** - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention through River Base Management (RBM), ICZM and MSP (11 or 13 March 2025, app. 2 hours)
- StEP- Development and promotion of **Innovation and Circular Economy - Living lab (HUB) EUSAIR**
- In collaboration with SP4EUSAIR, the development of **new strategic project proposals**:
  - **COSFI-MAR** - Towards the long-term in-situ conservation, sustainable fisheries and improving the marine environments in the Adriatic-Ionian region (The overall objective is to understand, prevent and mitigate the negative effects of poorly managed fisheries, pollution and habitat loss on marine animals and to empower their regional long-term in-situ conservation)
  - **BIO SHALTERS** - Botanical Gardens as Biodiversity Shelters and Nurseries (The overall objective is to create and expand a network of Botanical Gardens in order to protect and preserve natural biodiversity (in situ and ex situ))
  - **FOREST READAPT+ SEC-DIV-CONIFERS** - Renewal of the adaptation of coppice forests in a drastically changing environment (The proposed project aims at protecting the biodiversity of forests and tackling adaptation and structure issues in a rapidly changing environment through a comparative analysis of coppice and seedling forests at genetic diversity level)
  - **NEATNESS** - clean the Adriatic and the Ionian sea from the plastic (The objective is to ensure a good environmental and ecological status of the marine and coastal environment, improving waste management by reducing waste flows to the sea and reducing the presence of waste already in the sea)
- **Promotion of TSG 3 EUSAIR achievements and collaboration with UNEP/MAP** at the 50th Anniversary of the Barcelona Convention on March 26, 2025, in Brussels.






# ***Main issues and needs for new AP implementation***

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- **During the 21st TSG 3 meeting, Italy highlighted the following views, which are also reported in the minutes of the meeting:**

*„Italy was not expecting such modifications in particular the indicators. The Italy confirmed the content in the version of the Action plan made in April 2024. Italy was expecting some news about the process from the EC and wanted the information about the timing and whether Italy’s comments would be taken into account. Italy also wondered if any of TSG 3 Members had any additional information about the process. The Chair replied that he has not any additional information about the revision as the owner of the Action plan is the EC and they decide to adopt it.“*





Thank you  
for your  
attention!

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