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# *EUSAIR Facility Point – update on implementation of functions*

Technical meeting of Pillar Coordinators  
Patras (GR), 12 February 2025



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*1. Administrative  
and technical  
support to the  
EUSAIR  
governance*



# *Support to TSGs and PCs*

- Organisation and support to Spring 2025 **meetings of 6 Thematic Steering Groups:**
  - TSG1: Mid March 2025 - Date tbd, Montenegro
  - TSG2-Transport: 25 February 2025 online
  - TSG2-Energy: 15 April 2025 (Belgrade, Serbia)
  - TSG3: 7 April 2025 (Corfu, Greece)
  - TSG4: : 27 March 2025 (Kalamata, Greece) - tbc
  - TSG5: Croatia, Zadar, April (tbd)

# *Support to EUSAIR Youth Council – 2nd Call*



- Selective 2nd Call (for countries for which current YC members end their mandate)
- 2nd Call start in April 2025
- 2025 YC in place in October 2025

# *Support to EUSAIR Youth Council – Revision of selection methodology*

- In discussion within Youth Consultation Task Force, at NC Technical meeting, at Governing Board
- Main point – EYC to represent position of Youth or EYC to bring to EUSAIR thematic expertise
- Inclusion of thematic competence criterion to be evaluated by Pillar Coordinators

# *Support to EUSAIR Youth Council – development of RoP*

- ▶ 2 Main parts:
  - ▶ Establishes main principles, vision, and values of the EUSAIR Youth Council.
  - ▶ Regulates the procedures, membership, and activity of the organisation.
- ▶ What the EYC envisioned in RoP
  - ▶ Advisory role of EYC (representing youth perspective on issues & provide recommendations)
  - ▶ Operational Aspects of EYC (meetings, voting procedure & communication)

# *Support to EUSAIR Youth Council – development of RoP*

## ▶ Interaction with TSGs

- ▶ EYC Pillar Groups for each TSG/Pillar (2-4 EYC members) following the work of each Pillar
- ▶ Meeting of EYC Pillar Group before TSG meetings to present EYC positions on agenda points
- ▶ EYC Pillar Group representative – spokesperson bringing EYC inputs to the TSG meeting
- ▶ Each TSG/Pc to decide whether all EYC members (or just Pillar representatives or just members of EYC Pillar Group can participate to the TSG meeting and in what role (speakers/observers) – important to agree for the Spring TSG meetings
- ▶ Topics for EYC inputs: EYC Pillar Group can decide on which topics inputs shall be brought to TSG or PCs/TSGs can request an EYC input on a certain topic



# *Support to EUSAIR Youth Council – development of RoP*

- ▶ Travel and accommodation costs of EYC representatives to EUSAIR meetings (GB, TSG) under discussion
- ▶ Travel and accommodation costs to in person thematic events – no systematic approach, to be covered by organisers of the event on their initiative
- ▶ EYC Inauguration event at the 10th EUSAIR Forum

# *Support to events – Pillars and Presidency 1/2*

- **PSY:** Unlocking Opportunities for Post-2027 Europe: EUSAIR, Interreg, and Cohesion Policy in Joint Action, Thessaloniki (EL), 7.2.2025
- **PSY/Pillar 5:** Promoting policies and practices for skills in the macroregion, Athens (EL), 4.-5.3.2025
- **PSY/Pillar 2 - Energy:** Prospects for Energy Networks Development, Hydrogen Market, Offshore Renewable Potential: Challenges and Solutions for the Adriatic and Ionian Macroregion, Athens (EL), 12.3.2025
- **PSY/Pillar 4:** Conference on Tourism, in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Kalamata (GR), 28.3.2025

# *Support to events – Pillars and Presidency 2/2*

- **PSY/Pillar 3:** Upscaling sustainable solutions to build climate resilience of coastal zones in the Adriatic-Ionian macro-region, Corfu (GR), 8.-9.4.2025
- **Pillar 2 Transport:** Development of passenger rail connections and interoperability along the routes of the ETC Western-Balkans Eastern Mediterranean (WBEM), Rome (IT), end of March/First quarter of April (tbc)
- Mediterranean Coast and Macro-regional Strategies Week, Izola (SI), 15.-18.9.2025
- **Pillar 2 Energy:** EUSAIR Workshop on-line on Updated Master Plan on Energy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region foreseen by October/November 2025
- **Pillar 2/Pillar 5:** Green Skills for the Transport and Energy Transition in Adriatic-Ionian Ports, Trieste (IT), October/November 2025 (tbc)

# *Support to events – Pillar promotion*

- **Pilar 2 Transport - 8<sup>th</sup> Annual EUSDR Stakeholders' Conference**  
*“Boosting sustainable transport and connectivity”*, The Danube Region Transport Days 2024, Ljubljana - 5 December 2024
- **Pillar 3 - 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**

## *Support to EUSAIR Forum*

- 10<sup>th</sup> EUSAIR Forum, Crete, 6-7 May 2025, 5th May - IPA ADRION 2nd Call launch event, 8 th May site visit
- Already discussed under Item 3

2.  
*Communication  
and  
Coordination*



# Communication activities

- **EUSAIR Communication Strategy** - consolidated draft after EGP consolidation by end of February, sharing of the file with EUSAIR bodies for any further comments
- **Web-site renewal:** procurement not finalised - (complaint to decision), expected contract and start of new website development in April 2025
- **EUSAIR 10th Anniversary**, (plans presented under Item 3)
- **EUSAIR visual brand identity with handbook** in preparation
- Setting up of **EUSAIR National Contact Points (ECP)** till Summer 2025

Please use the logo in all your communication concerning EUSAIR, available at the [website](#)



# *Coordination tools – EUSAIR Governance revision*

- In progress
  - Development of **EGP Guidelines** - consolidation within EGP in March, then sharing with EUSAIR bodies
  - Development of revised **RoPs drafts** (GB, TSGs) as support to Presidency - more efficient procedures
  - Development of **Pillar Roadmap for Actions** template - more detailed plan on implementation of Actions



# *Coordination tools – Annual workplan, EUSAIR Planner*

- **Workplan 2025** - monthly updates on plans for events and activities concerning EUSAIR for 2025,
- **EUSAIR Planner** - confirmed events, consolidations in progress, holidays in 10 countries inserted in calendar,
- **Excel files updated on intranet** (consolidated with FP PPs, StEP and SP4EUSAIR)

Please check when you  
are planning events and  
meetings

# *Coordination tools – contact lists of nominated GB/TSG members*

- **New procedure in place** for informing Facility Point on nominations of **TSG/GB members** (National delegations) – online form
- **Updated GB contact list** (including members of National Delegations) on the intranet – managed by Facility Point LP
- December-January – **NCs requested to update TSG lists** for their country
- Publishing of **updated TSG lists** on the intranet by March – managed by Facility Point PPs on behalf of PCs
- Such check to be made on yearly basis

# *Actions supporting horizontal/cross-cutting topics - Innovation*

- **Study in 2025 - ToR development**
  - on S3 complementarities, potentials for interregional cooperation
  - identification of possible cooperation topics/projects linked to EUSAIR actions
  - recommendations for future cooperation model

*3. Support to  
decision making  
and capacity  
development for  
EUSAIR  
implementers*



# Capacity Building

- **Capacity building programme** first draft in internal consolidation till end of February 2025, then consolidation within EGP, consolidation with EUSAIR bodies – starting by end of March
- **Newcomers kit** – 1st Draft developed, under consolidation process

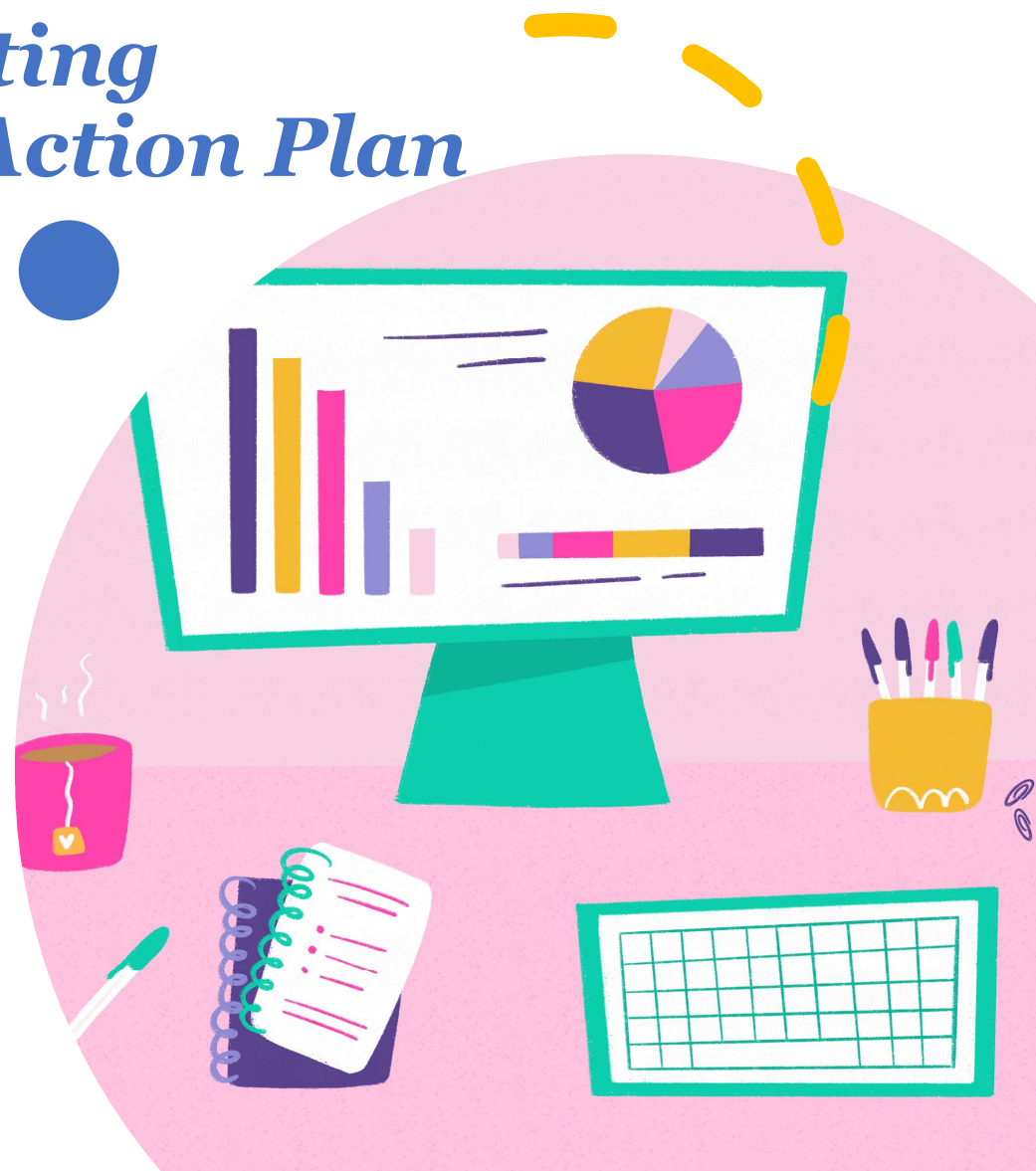



## *4. Monitoring and Evaluation of EUSAIR*



# *Monitoring and evaluating implementation of the Action Plan*

- **Annual Pillar Progress Report 2024** – by 28 February 2025 (old template)
- **Monitoring&Evaluation Framework** – ToR developed in January 2025, procurement procedure in Spring 2025, signature of contract with selected experts planned in September 2025
- **Contents and Format of Annual Reports template** – October 2025
- **Progress Report 2024** – December 2025
- Preparation of a **specific system of monitoring and evaluation indicators of the Pillars of EUSAIR** – January 2026





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