

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

## State of play of project implementation

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WP1

## A1.2 COLLECTING KEY STRATEGIC IDEAS FROM FLAGSHIPS AND OTHER RELEVANT SOURCES

- **Capacity building workshops with TSGs** – to be implemented until April 2025
- Primary objective: **To identify funding sources and opportunities and to support future projects development**
- Methodology for the workshops – the workshops are **tailor-made and designed for each TSG individually** based on:
  - ✓ **their needs** identified in the Report (A1.1) and
  - ✓ **their inputs** for further development of the implementation formats
- **Thematic steering group working reports** on key strategic ideas – based on the outcomes of the workshops – prepared parallelly during 1Q and 2Q of 2025



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### A1.2 CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY FOR PILLAR 1 MAIN OUTLINES OF THE APPROACH

- For Pillar 1 capacity building workshop will focus on:
  - ✓ **presenting the key challenges and needs** that Pillar 1 has faced in the previous period (outlining the main conclusions from A1.1 Report);
  - ✓ **identification of all possible funding sources applicable to the topics covered by Pillar 1** with the aim of inspiring TSG members to define new implementation formats/project ideas.
- The main outputs of the workshop:
  - ✓ Insights into **all relevant funding sources**,
  - ✓ insights into **current progress, lessons learned and key challenges**,
  - ✓ **Identify the practices of collection of new strategic ideas** to develop new implementation formats/strategic projects
  - ✓ TSG members should be inspired **to define new implementation formats/project ideas that they want to develop** and potentially apply to one of the upcoming calls.

Next steps:

- The workshop will be held online on **21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**.



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### CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY FOR PILLAR 2 – TRANSPORT MAIN OUTLINES OF THE APPROACH

- For Pillar 2 – TSG on Transport capacity building workshop will be structured as **matchmaking panel discussions** in order to:
  - ✓ **improve the current Master plan;**
  - ✓ **identify new topics in the field of transport.**
- Within the workshop, SP4EUSAIR and PCs/TSG members will collaborate **to match experts with the specific assignments/tasks required to improve and further develop the actions/master plan.**
- PCs will provide their assistance in the preparation process of ToRs for the assignments/tasks accordingly.
- Expert profile table with short biographies has been sent to the PC by SP4EUSAIR

Next steps:

- After the submission of the list of assignments/tasks from PC the format and exact date of the workshop can be decided.




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### CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY FOR PILLAR 2 – ENERGY MAIN OUTLINES OF THE APPROACH

- For Pillar 2 – TSG on Energy capacity building workshop will be structured as **matchmaking panel discussions**:
  - ✓ **the implementation of the priority strategic projects** (Master Plan, Road Maps, other studies, conference and forum) will be supported.
- Within the workshop, SP4EUSAIR and PCs/TSGs will collaborate **to match experts with the specific assignments/tasks required to improve and further develop the action/master plans**.
- Expert profile table with short biographies has been sent to the PC by SP4EUSAIR.
- Upon the submission of Draft Proposals for Strategic Studies and Projects experts will **define the topic of the workshop depending on the topics in the field of energy that are inadequately represented in EUSAIR** and the associated implementation formats.



Next steps:

- After the submission of the document and corresponding analysis, the form and date of the workshop will be defined (tentatively end of March 2025).
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# CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY FOR PILLAR 3 MAIN OUTLINES OF THE APPROACH

- For Pillar 3 capacity building workshop will focus on **revision of existing strategic projects and matchmaking them with relevant funding sources.**
- The workshop will provide insights into **current progress and key challenges** and **propose recommendations for adjusting existing projects** to meet the upcoming funding opportunities,
- Key objectives for the capacity-building workshop:
  - ✓ Provide **an overview of all relevant funding sources** for Pillar 3,
  - ✓ Define the **next steps for updating the 3 selected strategic projects,**
  - ✓ Establish a participatory approach for the elaboration of the **NEATNESS project,**
  - ✓ Give insights into the **development of a new flagship** *Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention through River Base Management (RBM), ICZM and MSP* and define deadlines and next steps for its finalization.

Next steps:

- Preparation of description of the new flagship;
- Conducting the workshop in **mid-March 2025.**



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### CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY FOR PILLAR 4 MAIN OUTLINES OF THE APPROACH

- For Pillar 4 capacity building workshop was held on **3rd February 2025** (online). TSG members from **9 EUSAIR participating countries** were actively involved and participated in the workshop.
- Primary objective: **To identify funding sources and opportunities for current and future projects development.**
- The workshop has also enabled:
  - ✓ To foster active collaboration among TSG4 members and stakeholders,
  - ✓ to equip participants with the key knowledge and tools needed for the efficient preparation of project proposals

Next steps:

- TSG Working Report on Pillar 4;
- **Revision of existing strategic projects** and matchmaking them with relevant funding sources (e.g. upcoming call of IPA ADRION Programme) – the exact number of projects is to be decided;
- Appropriate measures **to strengthen the commitment and ownership of project LPs and PPs in the application process** will be taken into account.



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### A1.2 CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP – METHODOLOGY FOR PILLAR 5 MAIN OUTLINES OF THE APPROACH

- Capacity building workshop was held on **6th February 2025** (online). TSG members from **6 EUSAIR countries** participated in the workshop.
- For Pillar 5 as a completely new pillar capacity building workshop has focused on **identifying funding sources and opportunities and supporting future projects development.**
- The workshop has also enabled:
  - ✓ to showcase **the financed/approved projects that align with Pillar 5 topics and actions** (examples of projects that cover topics under Pillar 5),
  - ✓ to equip participants with the **key knowledge and tools needed for the efficient preparation of project proposals** (project development process and its main phases).
- Next steps:
  - ✓ TSG Working Report on Pillar 5: Summary of Conclusions and Future Project Development Directions;
  - ✓ Based on the outcomes of the workshop TSG members will brainstorm possible project ideas in the forthcoming period.





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# WP1 DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION FORMATS

## TIMELINE AND MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF WP1

- Activity 1.2:
  - ✓ **Capacity building workshops** with all TSGs – April 2025
  - ✓ **TSG working reports on key strategic ideas** (based on the outcomes of the workshops) – May/June 2025
  - ✓ **Knowledge based report** on established key strategic ideas – June 2025
- Activity 1.3:
  - ✓ **Manual to define a set of criteria for IFs** and rules for the development of concept documents – September/October 2025
  - ✓ **Pipeline of selected implementation formats** – September/October 2025
- Likely submission to the IPA ADRION call of certain number of **enhanced and reviewed project proposals for Pillar 3 and 4 that are ready for submission** – June 2025 (much earlier than the planned deadline – end of 2026).

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