

Revision of the EUSAIR Action Plan:

*Alternatives
new thematic
(for discussion under Item 5)*



New thematic – status (after 19th GB)

Table of countries' positions → updated after GB on 15-16 March and at GB on 27 April)

Decisions **taken at GB on 27 April**

- new Social Pillar
- Enlargement as cross-cutting topic
- BiH withdrawal of topics on gender equality, fight against corruption, security)

Decisions **pending** → to be discussed at RWG and possibly confirmed by written procedure



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- Social Pillar – level of details to be defined in the revised AP
- Pillar 1 – issues with land-locked countries, TSG competences (to be discussed at TSG 1 on 9 May)
- Remaining new cross-cutting topics – skills, youth, digitalisation, circular economy, smart specialisation
- Agreement on existing cross-cutting topics remaining – RDI, capacity building



New Social Pillar detailed

(all descriptions for Pillar, Topics and Actions with macroregional activities defined)

- PRO
 - Clear commitment to social issues
- CON
 - Not at the same level as other Pillars - very late in the process, TSG to be officially set up, difficult to define Actions before summer
 - Hard to reach understanding and agreement in the new TSG which social issues require a macroregional solution

Social Pillar in progress

(insert descriptions of Pillar and Topics and Actions on setting up a Social Pillar in the Action Plan)

- PRO
 - Clear commitment to social issues
 - More realistic time table when aiming at a full Social Pillar until summer 2024 (using the possibility of AP as rolling)
- CON
 - Undefined Actions for social issues requiring a macroregional solution



New Green Growth Pillar

- PRO
 - Clear commitment to green growth
- CON
 - Very late in the process, difficult to set up a TSG and define objectives and actions before summer
 - Potentially many overlaps with Pillars 1 and 3
 - Potentially overloading EUSAIR with too many objectives

Pillar 1: Blue & Green Growth

- PRO
 - Clear commitment to green growth issues
 - Possible to change topic 1 to “blue & green tech” & topic 3 to “maritime and terrestrial spatial planning”
- CON
 - Necessary to add people to Pillar 1 TSG on blue & green technology and maritime spatial planning (or set up different TSGs)

Keep status quo

- PRO
 - Pillar 1 TSG stays in its comfort zone
 - EUSAIR stays focused
- CON
 - Green growth issues not addressed in EUSAIR
 - Land locked countries feel excluded from some Pillar 1 activities



Sustainable Agriculture & Green Rural Development

- Not supported as new Pillar at the GB on 27 April
- Option: RWG suggestion to be considered by TSGs in their Pillars (1,2,3,4, Social)?



Capacity building

- to be addressed in all Pillars with particular focus on local and regional authorities as they are crucial for implementing EUSAIR objectives on the ground

RDI

- to be addressed in all Pillars, Pillar 1 with focus on green & blue technology, Pillar 2 with focus on environmentally friendly transport and energy solutions, Pillar 3 with focus on sustainability solutions, Pillar 4 with focus on digitalisation and sustainability in tourism

Enlargement

- to be addressed in all Pillars with particular focus on supporting non-EU countries in meeting criteria for EU membership and ensuring that EU policy debates consider perspectives of non-EU member states





Smart specialisation

- Not a new horizontal topic, but rather to be included in RDI horizontal topic more explicitly compared to current AP

Digitalisation

- A new horizontal topic (because it is relevant for all Pillars) or suggestion from RWG to TSGs to include it more strongly in their AP Actions
- Pillar 1 with focus on green & blue technology, Pillar 2 with focus on digitalisation in transport and energy, Pillar 3 with focus on sustainability solutions, Pillar 4 with focus on digitalisation in tourism

Circular economy

- Not a new horizontal topic, but suggestion from RWG to TSGs to include it more strongly in their AP Actions
- Pillar 1 with focus on green & blue technology, Pillar 2 with focus on renewable energy, Pillar 4 with focus on circular economy approaches in tourism

Skills, Youth

- Now when the Social pillar is confirmed and looking at Topics suggested so far, these themes become part of the new Pillar