**22nd Meeting of the Thematic Steering Group**

**for Pillar 2 TSG2 - Transport**

**Tuesday, 25 February 2025**

**Operational conclusions**

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| **Item 2****Approval of the Draft Agenda** | The meeting agenda was adopted. |

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| **Item 3****Adoption of the Minutes and Operational Conclusions of the 21st TSG2 Transport Meeting of 29th November 2024** | The Minutes and Operational Conclusions of the 21st TSG2 are formally adopted after the approval via written procedure. |

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| **Item 4****Communications** | TSG members are informed about:1. Update on the 24th EUSAIR Governing Board Meeting, 13 February 2025

Main conclusions of GB meeting and PCs meeting have been shared, with particular reference to:* Presentation of the Hellenic Presidency Programme;
* Communication related to the new Action Plan;
* Future of the EUSAIR Youth Council.
1. Update on Program of Work for the year 2025
* The inter-ministerial conference initially planned to be held in Rome in April 2025 will be postponed, due to political reasons, to autumn 2025;
* The follow-up cross-pillar event to the Workshop *“Connecting the Adriatic Ionian Region through Advanced Technology and Training for the Energy Transition in the Port Sector”* held in Trieste in November 2024, it is foreseen in October 2025.
1. Update on the Governance Support Projects

Pillar Coordinator reports that Facility Point Project Partner n. 6 (Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region) has completed the tendering procedure for the hiring of technical assistance aimed at updating the EUSAIR Masterplan on Transport. |

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| **Item 5****Governance Support Projects *(update of the EUSAIR Masterplan on Transport for the Adriatic and Ionian Region)*** | The technical expert engaged presents to TSG members the main activities and tasks related to the updating of the EUSAIR Masterplan on Transport, including the program of work and timeline. It is highlighted that the contact list of TSG members is required for study consultation /validation purposes. Three main points of interest are highlighted:* The structure of the EUSAIR Masterplan on Transport is maintained, while in its update the scope is extended to policy recommendations for the AI area;
* Interaction with the EUSAIR Supporting Governance Projects StEP and SP4EUSAIR is crucial for achieving the expected results;
* Active commitment of all Standing Members is required, in order to foster bilateral cooperation and involve transport sector experts of the AI countries, which will be functional to the collection of data and information.
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| **Item 6****TSG2 transport strategic studies and projects**  | Pillar Coordinator highlights three main strategic studies and projects: 1. Development of interoperable railway system in the AI Region, to be developed with the support of the SP4EUSAIR project
2. Interactions with the WB/EM corridor workplan (e.g. priorities identification, bottlenecks, specific section development…)

Pillar Coordinator expressed the opportunity to identify and prioritize investments along some routes and sections of the corridor, according to the new TEN-T regulation, in order to avoid bottlenecks and meet the existing needs in the area. 1. Intermodality development in ports and new skills

A follow-up cross-pillar event (Pillars 2 and 5) to the Workshop held in Trieste in November 2024 on the topic of new competences/skills required in the future according to the new technological developments in ports with the aim of involving the Port System of the whole AI Region, will be organized by CEI in cooperation with the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region in October 2025. |

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| **Item 7****Contribution to 10th EUSAIR Forum, 6-7 May 2025 Crete (Gr)** | The title *“Connectivity as a vital tool for tourism development”* of the EUSAIR Forum’s thematic session proposed by the Greek Presidency has been accepted by the TSG2 Members. It has been agreed that Standing Member from Greece will be in charge of its organisation. A questionnaire for collection of inputs and suggested panelists will be shared and concept note developed by the Greek Standing Member. |

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| **Item 8****Closure of the meeting** | 1. AoB

No other issues of interest have been discussed.1. Date of the next meeting

The next TSG will be organized in presence, back-to-back to one of the events planned for Autumn 2025, illustrated within item n. 4 point b).  |