**24th GOVERNING BOARD MEETING** **of the**

**European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)**

**Thursday, 13 February 2025**

**Operational conclusions**

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| **Item 2**  **Adoption of the Agenda** | * **The meeting agenda was adopted with reverted order of some points.** |

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| **Item 3**  **Approval of the minutes of the 23rd EUSAIR Governing Board meeting** | * **The minutes of the 23rd EUSAIR Governing Board meeting were approved.** |

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| **Item 4**  **Presentation of the Implementation of the Hellenic Presidency Programme** | * **EUSAIR Governing Board was informed about the events of the Hellenic Presidency and draft Annual Forum programme.** * **The titles of pillar sessions proposed by EL TSG members need to be consolidated and agreed within each TSG. Afterwards should be communicated to the Hellenic Presidency, via common template prepared by Facility Point.** |

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| **Item 5**  **EC Communication and Revised Action Plan (EC SWD) – state of play and next steps** | * **The EC representative informed** **EUSAIR Governing Board about drafting of a new EUSAIR Communication with the aim to raise awareness and visibility of EUSAIR and reaching of higher political interest. The Communication will be adopted by the College of Commissioners, together with the SWD, by mid April 2025. The new Action Plan is to be launched at the Annual Forum.** * **Italy highlighted that not all of their comments on the version of Action Plan (AP) from 30.9.2024 were integrated and some new elements were introduced. Finetuning of the final version of the AP was requested. DG REGIO will revise the draft accordingly and share the revised version with the participating countries.** |

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| **Item 6**  **Final Report on the EUSAIR Perspective on Cohesion Policy post 2027** | * **The draft of the Final Report was presented. The comments expressed at the meeting and the ones that can be provided in written by 20 February 2025 will be integrated by the external experts by 5.3.2025. After final integrations, the report will be sent to the EC as document prepared by external experts based on the EUSAIR consultation.** * **The participating countries are encouraged to share the main points from the report with their national decision makers.** |

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| **Item 7**  **EUSAIR M&E System** | * **The EUSAIR Governing Board was informed about M&E framework and the timeline.** * **The Greek Facility Point Project Partner will integrate in the background paper for M&E system framework the received comments (prior to the meeting and at the meetings in Patras) and afterwards proceed with the procurement procedure to engage the external experts.** |

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| **Item 8**  **EUSAIR Youth Council – update** | * **The Facility Point will check with EYC members how many EYC members do not prolong their mandate and explore if their posts could be taken over by the members of the reserve list. In case also those possibilities are exhausted the pool of eligible applications will be used. Afterwards the EUSAIR Governing Board will be informed about results.** |

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| **Item 9**  **Main points from the Technical Meeting of Pillar Coordinators** | * **EUSAIR Governing Board took note of the conclusions from the Pillar Coordinators Technical meeting.** |

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| **Item 10**  **EUSAIR governance support projects** | * **The EUSAIR Governing Board took note of the latest developments regarding the EUSAIR governance support projects implementation.** * **National Coordinators from Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina and Italy announced the changes in TSG membership and will be communicated at the latest by end of February 2025.** |

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| **Item 11**  **Presentation of the IPA ADRION programme - state of play** | * **EUSAIR Governing Board took note of the latest developments regarding IPA ADRION Programme implementation.** |

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| **Item 12**  **AII: report on the meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials** | * **EUSAIR Governing Board was informed about AII activities.** * **EUSAIR Governing Board took note that the first draft of the AII/EUSAIR Ministerial Declaration will be shared with the AII Committee of Senior Officials and EUSAIR National Coordinators by end of March 2025, after follows 3 weeks’ time for commenting and proceeding with integration phase. By early May is the objective to finalise the process of Declaration drafting. The achievements will be presented in the Annex to Declaration.** * **The 25th Anniversary of the Ancona Declaration will be celebrated in Ancona on 27.6.2025.** |

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| **Item 13**  **A.O.B.** | * **EUSAIR Governing Board was informed about resubmitted Cyprus application for EUSAIR participation, as well as to the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative and to IPA Adrion Programme. At the next GB meeting the request for EUSAIR participation will be discussed, non-paper will be provided.** * **EUSAIR Governing Board was informed about activities taken by EC in relation of the forthcoming EUSAIR Presidency of North Macedonia. The participating countries are asked for support. Some scenarios were shared.** * **Also, in case of absence of San Marino the concerns were raised. At the next GB meeting the topic will be further discussed.** * **The GB members are invited to Izola (SI) to the 10th edition of the Mediterranean Coast and Macro-regional Strategies Week (15.-18.9.2025).** |

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| **Item 14**  **Conclusions and next steps** | * **EUSAIR Governing Board chair concluded the meeting.** |