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## EUSAIR monitoring and evaluation under WP3

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# EUSAIR Facility Point WP3 Monitoring and Evaluation

The purpose of this work package is to provide analytical documents, expertise and research studies to the EUSAIR key implementers in order to assist them in establishing a territorial knowledge base, in developing a framework for monitoring and evaluation and in capacity building activities for public administrations and other stakeholders to monitor, evaluate and revise the EUSAIR Strategy and its Action Plan.



# EUSAIR Facility Point Greek Partner

Special Service for Strategy, Planning and Evaluation, Ministry of  
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as the Work Package Leader

Contracted the consortium  
“LKN Analysis”

and

“University of the Aegean”  
(2019 - 2022)



# WP3 DELIVERABLES & OUTPUTS

## 3.1 Building the knowledge base to the four strategy pillars

- Inventory of Existing Resources (Knowledge Base)
- Pillar related studies

*Pillar 1 “IDEAL EUSAIR” Study*

*“Ideal EUSAIR identifies 500 relevant stakeholders for Pillar 1: Blue Growth and proposes more than 30 project ideas relevant for the TSG1 group.”*

## 3.2 Establishing EUSAIR monitoring and evaluation framework

- Annual Pillar Monitoring Reports
- Annual Synthetic Reports

## 3.3 Capacity building for public authorities/administrations

- National Capacity Building events for EUSAIR countries (Italy 2022, Slovenia 2022, Croatia 2022) - pending: Greece, IPA
- Macroregional Capacity Building Event (Athens, Greece 2017 - Ljubljana, Slovenia 2022)



# June – September 2022 Progress

- Drafting of the **4th Pillar 1** Monitoring Report, which outlines the progress for 2021 (submitted in June 2022);
- Data collection for the **4th Synthetic Report** (referring to the year 2021), which will be submitted in November 2022;
- Participation (in person) in the **capacity building event of Pillar 2** (July 5th, Bologna, Italy). Presentation of the EUSAIR monitoring and evaluation's state of play and of the proposed Monitoring and Evaluation System of EUSAIR (structure & actors involved);
- Participation (virtual) in the **capacity building event of Pillar 3** (September 19th, Isola, Slovenia). Presentation of the state of play of WP3 and proposals for a new Monitoring & Evaluation System of EUSAIR;
- First discussion with **Marche Region** (Italian Project Partner of EUSAIR Facility Point) for starting dialogues between Managing Authorities of European Territorial Cooperation programmes for the embedding process of the EUSAIR flagships.



# Evaluation of the European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)

- The Contractor is the private company **Project4** by the Special Service for Strategy, Planning and Evaluation – Ministry of Development and Investments of Greece, 30th of July 2021, Decision nr. 21SYMV009012814.
- The scope of the Evaluation is specifically provided for in the application form of the EUSAIR Facility Point strategic project in the INTERREG ADRION Programme, as deliverable T.3.2.8 entitled "EUSAIR Evaluation Support".
- A mixed approach was followed: a) extensive desk research and b) extensive field surveys
- The **Evaluation Findings** and Recommendations were identified and categorized in three levels: 1) Strategy, 2) Implementation and 3) Governance.



# Conclusions & Recommendations (1)

- **Country level improvements** are key to unlock the full potential of its multi-level governance.
- The key implementers need a **stronger political backing** in their respective administrations to enable effective delivery of outcomes from their work.
- **Commitment and ownership at the country level** is dependent on political empowerment in line ministries and regions due to the restrictions of the 3 “NO” principle, more so in this phase where the Strategy spins out of its initial building circle into broader involvement and stakeholders.
- The lack of de jure legitimacy for action, cooperation and coordination has to be compensated by **communication and capacity building** efforts in each country.
- The momentum of the **TSGs work needs to be capitalized** in the 2021-2027 period into actual effect on the implementation of ESIF/IPA funds.
- Support to TSGs in checking project ideas vis-à-vis **relevance to ESIF programmes** priorities and eligibility would be helpful.



## Conclusions & Recommendations (2)

- **Realistic ways of mobilizing the Managing Authorities** of mainstream ESIF programmes should be explored.
- **Network of Managing Authorities**, recently approved by the Governing Board could be one alternative solution.
- Any solution however would be incomplete without the active involvement of the EC as long as the **IPA programmes** of the non-member countries are under direct management.
- The **governance structure** and especially the arrangements of the TSGs should go hand-in-hand and reflect the logic behind the revision of the Action Plan.
- The **continuation and utilization of the Facility Point** is expected to play a crucial role, at least in the first period after the revision.





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**Thank you!**



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