



**Promoting policies and practices for skills in the macroregion  
EU Strategy for the Adriatic & Ionian Region (EUSAIR)  
Pillar 5 (Improving Social Cohesion)  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2025,  
Athens (Greece)**

**10:00 - 17:00 (Athens, CET+1)**

**Venue**

**The National Gallery – Alexandros Soutsos Museum**

50 Vasileos Konstantinou Street,  
116 34, Athens

**Participants**

Managing Authorities, Planning Authorities, Ministry representatives, Academic Community, Consultants & Researchers, EUSAIR Representatives from the participating countries, EUSAIR National Coordinators, EUSAIR Pillar Coordinators, European Commission, EUSAIR Governance Point Lead Partners, EUSAIR FACILITY POINT project partners, EUSAIR TSG representatives, Regional and local Authorities, Youth representatives, Ministries of Labour, Public Employment Services.

**FINAL AGENDA**

<b>Tuesday 4 March 2025</b>	
<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	Registration
<b>10:00 - 10:30</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Greetings</b> <b>Vasiliki Pantelopoulou</b> General Secretary of NSRF / PA, Ministry of Economy & Finance <b>Facilitators: Rania Oikonomou/Andreas Kornilakis</b> EUSAIR - Pillar 5 Greek representatives, Special Service for the Coordination of European Social Fund+ (ESF+) Actions, General Directorate of Strategy, Planning and Implementation of the PA, Ministry of Economy & Finance <b>Mathilde Konstantopoulou</b> National Coordinator of EUSAIR, Ministry of Economy and Finance





<p><b>10:30 – 10:50</b></p>	<p><b>EU Macroregional Strategies - EUSAIR</b></p> <p><b>Helena Sundblad Schäfer (online)</b>          Programme Manager - and policy development (Enlargement)          European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO),          Unit D.1: Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional/External Cooperation, Enlargement</p>
<p><b>10:50 - 11:10</b></p>	<p><b>European Skills Agenda</b></p> <p><b>Cristiana Costinescu (online)</b>          Head of Unit Greece, Cyprus – European Commission          DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</p>
<p><b>11:10 – 12:00</b></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Panel Discussion: Design and Implementation of VET Skills policy in Greece</u></a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Initial Vocational Education and Training (IVET)</u></b>  <b>Pavlos Paschalis</b>          Head of NSRF Executive Unit of Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs &amp; Sports</li> <li>• <b><u>Continuing Vocational Education and Training (CVET)</u></b>  <b>Yianna Hormova</b>          Deputy Governor, Public Employment Service (DYPA)</li> <li>• <b><u>Up-skilling/reskilling the workforce</u></b>  <b>Social partners: General Confederation of Greek Workers (GSEE)</b>  <b>Ira Papageorgiou</b>          Research Associate, Labour Institute of the Greek General Confederation of Labour</li> </ul>
<p><b>12:00 - 12:15</b></p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>

<p><b>12:15 - 12:45</b></p>	<p><b>The Mechanism of Labour Market Diagnosis and its contribution to the identification of skills and occupations in demand in the labour market</b></p> <p><b>Gavroglou Stavros</b></p> <p>Special Expert of the Unit of Experts on Employment, Social Security, Welfare and Social Affairs of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MEKY); Head of the Mechanism of Labour Market Diagnosis (MDAAE)</p>
<p><b>12:45 - 13:00</b></p>	<p><b>Certification for qualifications</b></p> <p><b>Antonios Glaros</b></p> <p>Head of Communication &amp; Development Directorate EOPPEP, National Organisation for the Certification of Qualifications and Vocational Guidance</p>
<p><b>13:00 - 13:45</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
<p><b>13:45 - 14:45</b></p>	<p><b><u>Panel Discussion: Applied actions for the acquisition of skills</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Active Labour Market Policies (ALMPs)</u></b> <b>Andriana Manoli</b> Head of Managing Authority, "Human Resources and Social Cohesion" Program (ESF+)</li> <li>• <b><u>Training Programs for unemployed and employed persons for Green and Digital Skills, co-financed by the Recovery &amp; Resilience Plan and ESF+</u></b> <b>Martina Klapan Štambuk</b> Directorate for management of EU operational programs, Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Police, Croatia</li> <li>• <b><u>New vocational training guides in Greece</u></b> <b>Athanasios Tsagatakis</b> Head of Unit B, Connecting VET and lifelong learning to the labour market, Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs &amp; Sports</li> <li>• <b><u>Workforce training programs by Social Partners</u></b> <b>Ira Papageorgiou</b> Research Associate, Labour Institute of the Greek General Confederation of Labour</li> </ul>



<p><b>15:00 - 16:00</b></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Panel Discussion: Good practices for skills acquisition</a></u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Initial work experience</u></b> <b>Geormas Konstantinos</b> General Director of Active Policies Programs, Public Employment Service (DYPA)</li> <li>• <b><u>Apprenticeships</u></b> <b>Pavlos Paschalis, Athanasios Tsagatakis</b> Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs &amp; Sports</li> <li>• <b><u>Problem-based learning for students in the workplace</u></b> <b>Simon Colnar (online)</b> Assistant Professor, School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia</li> <li>• <b><u>ALMA initiative, European Competence Centre for Social Innovation ESF+ (video)</u></b> <b>Anastasia Sachinidou</b> Head of Sub-Directorate for ALMPs &amp; Systemic interventions, Executive Unit ESPA, Ministry of Labour &amp; Social Security</li> </ul>
<p><b>16:00 - 16:20</b></p>	<p><b>EUSAIR Youth Council</b></p> <p><b>Present and future needs for skills for the Youth in the Adriatic Ionian macroregion</b></p> <p>Marianna Peiou, Member of EUSAIR Youth Council (representative)</p>
<p><b>16:20- 17:00</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion – Questions</b></p> <p><b>Closure</b></p> <p>(panel discussion between the participants)</p> <p><b>Facilitators: Rania Oikonomou/Andreas Kornilakis</b></p>

Wednesday 5 March 2025	
<b>09:50</b>	Meeting point for the bus



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<b>10:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Study visits*:</b> Haidari, Attica <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Model Upper Vocational Secondary School – Apprenticeship year</b></li><li>• <b>Higher Vocational Training Schools (SAEK)</b></li><li>• <b>Laboratory Center</b></li></ul> <p><i>* Limited participation due to the small size of the vocational school workshops. Priority will be given on the basis of direct correlation with Initial Vocational Education and Training (ICVET)</i></p>
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