



EUSAIR Pillar 2. «Connecting the Region»



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Main themes

- EUSAIR Pillar 2. “Connecting the Region” : challenges and opportunities
- Architecture of EUSAIR Action Plan: Rolling document where are outlined, for each pillar, «topics» and indicative actions
- Pillar 2. Topics and indicative Actions
- EUSAIR and Italian Governance: Pillar 2. «Thematic Steering Group» and first meeting in Trieste on 20-21 April 2015



EUSAIR Pillar 2. «Connecting the Region» challenges and opportunities

Adriatic Ionian Region is marked from:

- Infrastructure deficits, notably between EU Member States and the other countries which requires urgent measures and intervention for a full integration of Western Balkans network and services in to EU
- Bottlenecks, to be removed, and missing links, intermodal connections which need rehabilitation
- Excessive waiting times and procedures at borders hamper freight movement
- Multi-modal transport is little developed and is necessary to intervene on maritime traffic congestion
- A strategic position which enables to reduce travel sea distance from Far East to Central Europe market.
- Potential to increase the competitiveness of hinterland economies by improving land-sea connectivity and intermodal transportation



EUSAIR Action Plan Architecture

4 PILLARS , Specific Objectives (*Topics*), Actions

Capacity building, Research and Innovation, SMEs support are cross-cutting issue +
Climate change and risk management as horizontal principles

<p>1. BLU GROWT</p>  <p>(Greece- Montenegro)</p>	<p>2. CONNECTING THE REGION</p>  <p>(Italy-Serbia)</p>	<p>3. ENVIRONMENT QUALITY</p>  <p>(Slovenia-Bosnia Erzegovina)</p>	<p>4. SUSTAINABLE TOURISM</p>  <p>(Croatia-Albania)</p>
1.1 Blue technologies	2.1 Maritime transport	3.1 The marine environment	4.1 Diversified tourism offer (products and services)
1.2 Fisheries and aquaculture	2.2 Intermodal connections to the hinterland	3.2 Transnational terrestrial habitats and biodiversity	4.2 Sustainable and responsible tourism management (innovation and quality)
1.3 Maritime and marine governance and services	2.3 Energy networks		



EUSAIR Pillar 2. Objectives and Topics

To improve transport and energy connectivity in the Region and with the rest of Europe

Maritime transport

- To strengthen maritime safety and security and develop a competitive regional intermodal port system

Intermodal connections to the hinterland

- To develop reliable transport networks and intermodal connections with the hinterland, both for freight and passengers

Energy networks

- To achieve a well-interconnected and well-functioning internal energy market



EUSAIR Pillar 2. Topics and indicative Actions

Maritime transport

- Clustering port activities/services”
- “Improving and Harmonizing traffic monitoring and management”
- “Developing ports, optimising port interfaces, infrastructures and procedures / Operations”

Intermodal connections to the hinterland

- Developing the Western Balkans comprehensive network”
- “Improving the accessibility of the coastal areas and islands”
- “Developing motorways of the sea”
- “Railway reform”
- “Development of air transport”
- “Cross-border facilitation”

Energy networks

- “Cross-border electricity interconnections”
- “Gas pipelines”
- “Support the establishment of a well-functioning electricity market”
- “Remove barriers for cross-border investments”

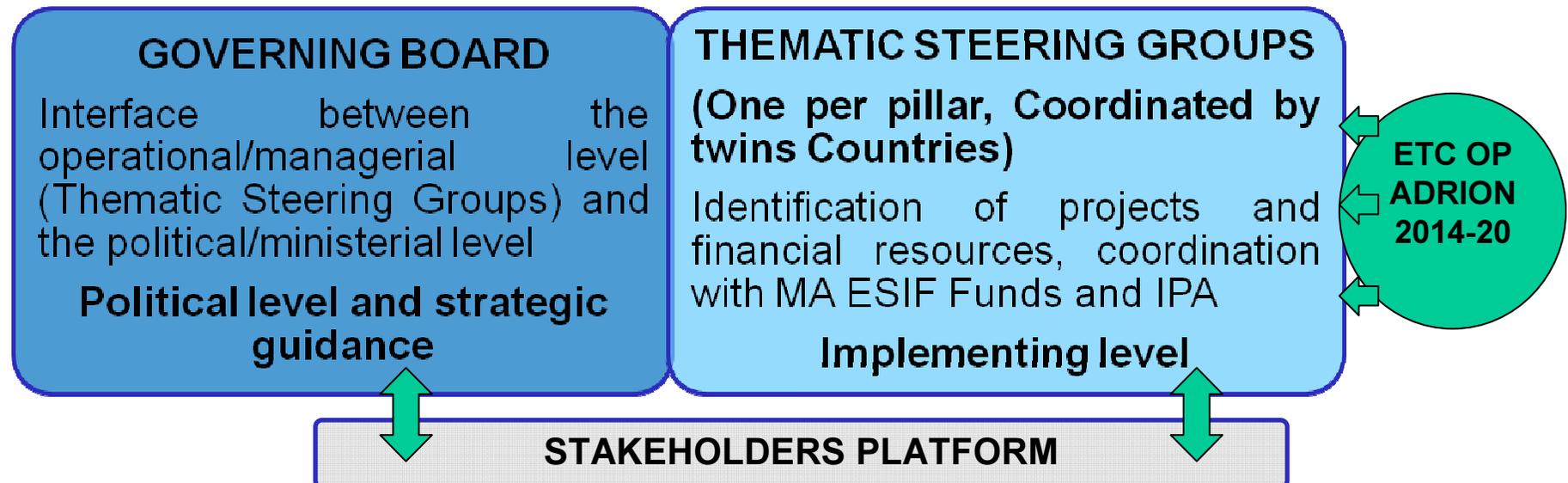


EUSAIR *governance*

Joint statement of 8 Countries on Governance

(Bruxelles, 18 November 2014)

Working Paper on management architecture





1st Thematic Steering Group of Pillar 2. (Trieste, 20-21 April 2015)

- *Functioning procedures*
- *General criteria guiding the identification of macroregional Actions/Projects (from Action Plan):*
 - ➔ *Address priorities and well substantiated needs*
 - ➔ *Transnational, if not macroregional, scope or impact*
 - ➔ *Realistic and credible*
 - ➔ *Build on existing initiatives and fair degree of maturity*
 - ➔ *Cross cutting aspects*
 - ➔ *Coherent and mutually supportive*
- *Source of financing and Priorities*



Key issues

- Promote structural projects taking into account the multi-annual financial framework 2014-2020: coordination between OPs and priorities, combination of Funds
- Pooling together competences and experiences: better and smart management solution at the programming level
- Support the elaboration of projects also through dedicated mechanisms (at the prefeasibility study level)



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Thank you for your attention