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**EUSAIR**

# *Report from 23<sup>rd</sup> EUSAIR Governing Board meeting, 9-10 October 2024*

IPA ADRION MC meeting  
Ljubljana, 12-13 November, 2024



# *Agenda points*

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- **EUSAIR Hellenic Presidency programme**
- **EUSAIR Action Plan revision status**
- **EUSAIR Youth Council update**
- **EUSAIR Governance Architecture paper**
- **EUSAIR Perspective on Cohesion Policy post 2027**
- Interreg IPA ADRION programme - state of play\*
- Governance support projects\*
- Report from Technical Meeting of Pillar Coordinators
- Report on the meeting of All Committee of Senior Officials



*Hellenic  
Presidency  
Programme*

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**EUSAIR**

Greek Presidency 2024 - 2025

# *Presidency Priorities*

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1. EU enlargement /support to the WB accession process
2. Cohesion Policy in the post 2027 period interlinked to the EUSAIR Strategy
3. Green transition and the effects of climate change
4. Blue Economy and the development of skills, education and specialization in blue professions combined with the alignment of the political skills
5. Environmental protection and promotion of environmental quality



# Presidency Kick-off



## Invitation

### Kick-off Meeting

### Hellenic Presidency of EUSAIR



Tuesday 1st October 2024



Auditorium, Ionian Academy,  
Corfu



Registration & welcome: 08.45



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***EUSAIR***  
***Action***  
***Plan***  
***revision***

# ***EUSAIR revision up to October 2024***

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- Submission of final parts of the **EUSAIR Action Plan input document approved by GB** sent to EC on 17 April 2024
- DG REGIO revised the document according to **informal consultation with line DGs** and sent it on 30 September 2024:
  - Shortening of texts (transferring to Annexes)
  - New elements in Pillar 4, Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 Energy
  - Better alignment with Western Balkan Growth Plan



# ***EUSAIR revision next steps***

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## ➤ **EC SWD Action Plan endorsement**

- In November EC Staff Working Document will go into official interservice consultation
  - New Commissioner to decide on the process of endorsement
  - GB calls for endorsement of both SWD and COM by Council of EU
  - Timing: from early 2025 latest till May 2025
- **GB decision: The 30/09/2024 version of the Action Plan draft shall be the basis for the work of the Pillars on Strategy implementation.**





*EUSAIR  
Youth Council*



# ***EUSAIR YOUTH COUNCIL (EYC)– 1st Call for Applications***

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- ▶ Procedures for the **EYC Call, Assessment and Selection process were defined in Spring 2024** by GB and Task Force
- ▶ Implementation by EUSAIR Facility Point under Presidency supervision
- ▶ **Timeline:**
  - ▶ **Call for Applications** - from April 14 till May 27 2024
  - ▶ **Assessment of applications** - from 28 May till 9 September
  - ▶ **List of selected candidates** - 12 September
  - ▶ **GB Approval of candidates list through written procedure** - 26 September
  - ▶ **1st Meeting of members and capacity building** - 21-23 November, Dubrovnik



# ***EYC main characteristics***

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- ▶ 20 members, 18-29 years old, 2 per participating country
- ▶ Mandate 1+1+1
- ▶ Interested in EUSAIR topics, well connected, active in civil society/youth organisations
- ▶ Double role: bringing wider youth perspective from their country to EUSAIR and promoting EUSAIR activities in their country
- ▶ Equal representation of women and men, urban/rural origin balance
- ▶ Functioning and interaction with EUSAIR to be defined in RoP developed by 1st EYC





***EUSAIR***  
***Governance***  
***Architecture***  
***Paper***

# ***EUSAIR Governance Architecture Paper revision - timeline***

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- ▶ Governance Architecture Paper (GAP) was revised after 2014.
- ▶ GAP defines EUSAIR governance bodies, their functions, roles and interrelations.
- ▶ Developed during **January - October 2024 by Croatian and Greek Presidencies.**
- ▶ At GB document was finalised and is considered valid, formally it will be approved with EUSAIR Action Plan endorsement.
- ▶ Next steps: development of operational documents: updating of GB, TSG RoPs, Pillar Roadmap of Actions, EGP Guidelines

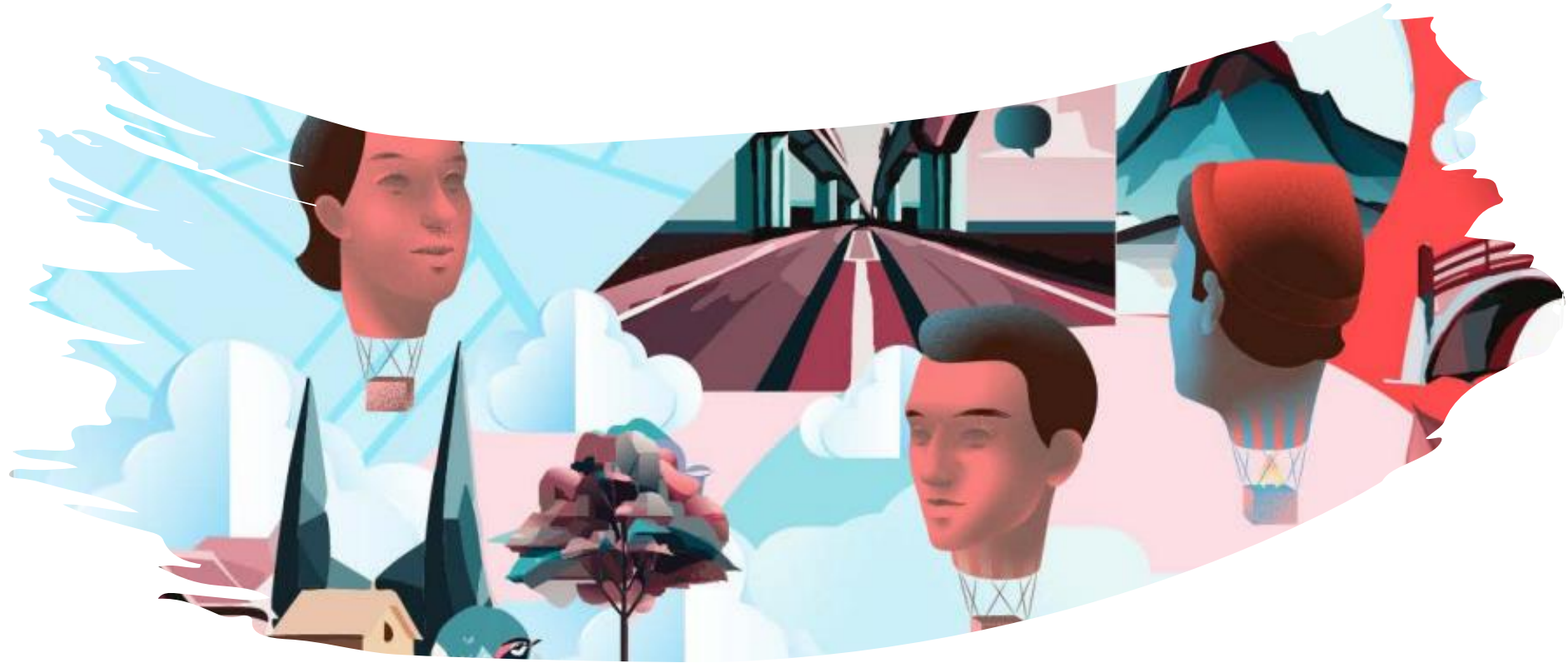


# ***EUSAIR Governance Architecture paper revision - goals***

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- ▶ To **improve coordination and cooperation** for enhancing the **commitment** to the Strategy and its **effective implementation**;
- ▶ adapt the governance architecture to the new revised Action Plan;
- ▶ support the **development of the necessary administrative capacity** to ensure that **political commitment** translates into **effective implementation**;
- ▶ ensure institutional and **effective multilevel governance** in the EUSAIR by enhancing the active participation of stakeholders not part of EUSAIR governance bodies.





***Post 2027 Cohesion Policy –  
EUSAIR perspective***

# ***EUSAIR Post 2027 perspective – expected results***

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- ▶ **identification of what works well/obstacles in the implementation of MRS priorities** and cooperation between the stakeholders, EUSAIR governance structures and EU funds management; suggestions for better alignment between EUSAIR and IPA;
- ▶ **proposing better cooperation formats** and highlight how and why MRSs represent a cornerstone for future Cohesion policy;
- ▶ **recommendations for more effective implementation of EUSAIR priorities in the future**, aimed at improving further work of EUSAIR governance structures and helping in better design and implementation of the future Cohesion policy programmes;
- ▶ **key messages on the future Cohesion policy to be communicated further** to European Commission, others MRSs, EUSAIR stakeholders and relevant management and coordination authorities.



# ***EUSAIR Post 2027 perspective – the process***

- ▶ Carried out by FP LP supported by external expert **M&E Factory** in cooperation with StEP, **supervised by Presidency**
- ▶ **The process**

Target group	Method/how to contribute	Timeline
EUSAIR structures (TSGs, NSs, EGP)	Survey - encourage TSGs to complete it	22 August- 22 September
	TSG meetings - interim results, further inputs	October-November
EUSAIR stakeholders	Survey - promotion by PCs, TSGs among Pillar stakeholders	22 August- 27 September
MAs mainstream programmes + NIPACs	Workshop	Corfu, 1st October
ETC programmes	Interviews	September/October
All target groups	Focus group - discussion	November



# ***EUSAIR Post 2027 perspective – the Final Report***

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- ▶ All results gathered in **first draft** in November
- ▶ First draft shared with governance structures, consolidation in December
- ▶ Sending of **final report** to EC and national decision makers by mid January 2025





Thank you  
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attention!

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