

EUSAIR STRATEGIC PROJECT

“Support to Development and Implementation of Strategic Implementation Formats – SP4EUSAIR”

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PROJECT 3

SUPPORT TO THE
DEVELOPMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION
OF STRATEGIC
IMPLEMENTATION
FORMATS –
SP4EUSAIR



OVERALL OBJECTIVE

facilitation and enhancement of strategic project development to support the cooperation and governance of the Adriatic and Ionian region and EUSAIR implementation

LEAD PARTNER

Ministry of Regional
Development and EU Funds
of the Republic of Croatia

PROJECT PARTNER

Ministry of European
Integration of the Republic of
Serbia

DURATION

4 years, 2024–
2027

TOTAL BUDGET

2,08 milion EUR

EU FUNDS

1,77 milion EUR

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MAIN OBJECTIVES AND KEY DELIVERABLES

What are we creating?

WP1

DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION FORMATS

SO1: Providing a quality and efficient organizational and methodological framework for the selection of relevant key strategic ideas based on existing EUSAIR flagships and development of the framework for the implementation formats.

- Report on existing flagships and developed implementation formats
- Knowledge based report on established key strategic ideas
- Manual – criteria for implementation formats
- Pipeline of selected implementation formats

WP2

SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION FORMATS

SO2: Facilitating the preparation of project proposals for each strategic implementation format accompanied by facilitation of the mapping process

- Handbook for the preparation of project proposals
- Report on identified funding sources for each implementation format
- Developed project proposal for each implementation format

WP3

CAPITALIZATION AND PERFORMANCE ASSESMENT

SO3: Enhancing the capitalization and performance assessment of project proposals' development process

- Methodology for labelling
- Labelled project proposals
- Strategic guidelines for the key priorities in the post-2027 period
- Capitalization event
- Memorandum of Understanding

COORDINATION WITH OTHER TWO GOVERNANCE SUPPORT PROJECTS

OVERVIEW OF SP4EUSAIR IMPLEMENTATION

WP1 – DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION FORMATS

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF WP1:

- A 1.1 Report on existing flagships and developed implementation formats
- A 1.2 Collecting key strategic ideas from flagships and other relevant sources at regional, national, transnational and macro-regional levels
- A 1.3 Advancement of key strategic ideas and development of the framework for the implementation formats
- A 1.4 Coordination between project partners and Joint coordination mechanism within the EUSAIR governance support projects
- A 1.5 Knowledge exchange and learning





WP1

OVERVIEW OF SP4EUSAIR IMPLEMENTATION

A1.1 REPORT ON EXISTING IMPLEMENTATION FORMATS

- Drafted: during July–October 2024
- **The goal:** to determine **the status of individual implementation formats** (regarding their maturity level and readiness for implementation)
- **Methodology:** identification of the main challenges in the EUSAIR region in relation to **the flagships' implementation process and project development**
- Online in-depth interviews with Pillar Coordinators conducted during summer 2024 – to collect qualitative data and enable a deeper understanding of the work done.
- The Report has been presented and **formally approved on the GB meeting** (10th October 2024)



WP1

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A1.2 COLLECTING KEY STRATEGIC IDEAS FROM FLAGSHIPS AND OTHER RELEVANT SOURCES

- **Capacity building workshops with TSGs (D1.2.1)** were held from February to June 2025
- Workshops were **tailor-made and designed for each TSG individually based on their needs** identified in the A1.1 Report and their inputs for further development of the current or new IFs
- The goal of the workshops – to enable conditions for identifying key strategic ideas and sources of financing for identified or future strategic implementation formats.
- **Outcome of the workshop – D1.2.2 Thematic steering group working reports (6)** on key strategic ideas – finalized in 1Q-2Q 2025
- **D1.2.3 Knowledge based report on established key strategic ideas** – evidence based development of future strategic implementation formats – finalized in 2Q 2025

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A1.3 ADVANCEMENT OF KEY STRATEGIC IDEAS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION FORMATS

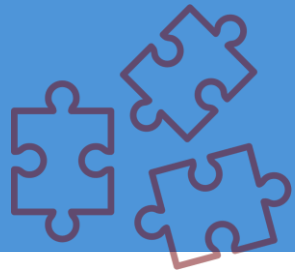
- **D1.3.1 Manual to define a set of criteria for IFs and rules for the development of concept documents** was drafted from June to September 2025 and presented at 25th Governing Board Meeting
- **Goal:** to establish strategic, procedural and evaluative framework for the preparation and assessment of IFs within EUSAIR governance system
- Consultation process **in progress** (expected until end of 2025)
- Following the conducted capacity building workshops (A1.2) and collected information from the TSGs, **D1.3.2. Pipeline of selected implementation formats** was developed in 3Q 2025
- Living documents that will be continuously updated during the implementation

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WP2 – SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION FORMATS

MAIN ONGOING ACTIVITIES OF WP2:

- A 2.1 Creating conditions for the development of project proposals
- A 2.2 Development of project proposal document for each strategic implementation format



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WP2

A2.1 CREATING CONDITION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT PROPOSALS

- D2.1.1 Handbook for the preparation of project proposals for each strategic implementation formats was drafted in 2Q–3Q 2025 and finalized in November 2025
- **Builds upon activities conducted within WP1 and represent operational continuation of D1.3.1 Manual**
- **Goal:** facilitate preparation of project proposals across all Pillars
- Process for preparation of project proposals was presented to TSGs at capacity building workshops (A1.2) and piloted in May–June 2025
- D2.1.2 Report on identified funding sources for each project proposals – in development (expected finalization by the end of 2025)
- Living documents that will be updated during the implementation

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WP2

A2.2 DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS FOR EACH STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION FORMAT

- Builds upon activities conducted within WP1
- Goal: to support all Pillars in the development of **current of new implementation formats** (project-level formats) into project proposals and their submission to relevant funding sources
- IPA Adrion 2nd Call for proposals – **submitted 3** project proposals within Pillar 4 and **2** within Pillar 3
- Supported **new flagship initiative** development (Pillar 3) and drafted **ToRs for strategic studies development** (Pillar 2) – 1 project proposal per Pillar intended as follow up activity
- **POPRI Youth** (Pillar 5) initiative development – in progress
- Ongoing process until the end of SP4EUSAIR project implementation



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ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES

- **Regular meetings of the EUSAIR Governance Point (EGP)** – platform which represents a structure for cooperation among the three EUSAIR governance support projects (as part of the activity A1.4)
 - **Collaboration with Interact** – participation in the joint workshop held in Ancona (May 2025) focused on aligning the typology of Implementation Formats and exchanging best practices across macro-regional strategies (as part of activity A1.4)
 - Participation in the periodic **Meetings of EU MRS Support Units** (as part of the activity 1.5)
 - Participation in the **Mediterranean Coast and Macro-Regional Strategies Week 2025** held from 15–17 September in Izola, and establishment of connections with representatives of other MRS (as part of the activity 1.5)
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PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN 2026

- **Continuous support** to all Pillars in development of their IFs
 - Pillar 1 – development of new IF
 - Pillar 2 – strategic studies development
 - Pillar 3 – project proposal development related to the new flagship initiative
 - Pillar 4 – support in new inter-pillar development
 - Pillar 5 – support in POPRI Youth initiative development
- **Updating** of relevant documentation – Living documents within WPs 1 and 2
- **WP3** implementation start
- **Capacity building activities implementation** in coordination with other two governance support projects (Facility Point and STeP)



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