



DRAFT PROGRAMME

Ver. 05 May 2017

11 MAY 2017, THURSDAY	
10:30-12:45	EUSAIR MINISTERIAL MEETING / ADRIATIC-IONIAN COUNCIL [For official delegations only]
SIDE EVENTS	
09:00-12:45	Business to Business (B2B) [Special registration required] <i>The B2B session aims to facilitate meetings and exchange between SMEs, universities, chambers of commerce, clusters and other stakeholders in the Adriatic and Ionian Region with the objective to find partners for new projects and/or explore new business opportunities. The session is organised by Enterprise Europe Network (EEN). More information and on-line registration: https://www.b2match.eu/eusair2017</i> <i>Participants to the B2B will also have to register separately in order to attend the forum.</i>
Side event 1	
Side event 2	Monitoring and Evaluation of the Progress of EUSAIR [Closed Event – By invitation only] <i>This side event will take place with the participation of officials from the European Commission and the governance system of EUSAIR and other macro-regional strategies, from the national and regional authorities responsible for managing EU funds in the EUSAIR countries, as well as distinguished members of academia and the international consulting community. Its purpose will be to discuss the basic elements (methodological, thematic and institutional) of an effective and efficient monitoring and evaluation mechanism for the EUSAIR.</i> <i>Participants to the Monitoring and Evaluation of the Progress of EUSAIR will also have to register separately in order to attend the forum.</i>
2nd EUSAIR FORUM Moderator:/Master of Ceremonies: Ms NIKOLTSIOU Maria, Journalist, ALPHA Channel	
08:00	Registration
12:45-14:00	Networking lunch
14:00-16:00	Welcome and Opening Session <i>Welcome speeches</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR Alexandros KACHRIMANIS, Governor of Region of Epirus • MR Thomas BEGAS, Mayor of Ioannina • MR Ioannis MITSIS, President, Chamber of Ioannina <i>Keynote addresses</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MR Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship





- MR Georgios **KATROUGALOS**, GR Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs
- MR Alexis **CHARITSIS**, GR Alternate Minister of Economy and Development

Special address

- MS Corina **CREȚU**, European Commissioner for Regional Policy - Video message
- MR Karmenu **VELLA**, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries – Video message
- MR Panayotis **KOUROUBLIS**, GR Minister for Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy
- MR Charalampos **KASSIMIS**, Secretary General, GR Ministry of Agriculture Development

Panel discussion – EUSAIR Ministers

8 Ministers and Commissioner AVRAMOPOULOS discuss with the Moderator/Master of Ceremonies on progress so far – necessary next steps – specific initiatives undertaken in their countries etc.

- MR Alexis **CHARITSIS**, GR Alternate Minister of Economy and Development
- MR Dimitris **AVRAMOPOULOS**, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship
- MR Igor **CRNADAK**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- MS Sanja **ŠTIGLIC**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia
- MR Aleksandar Andrija **PEJOVIĆ**, Minister of European Affairs of Montenegro
- MS Odeta **BARBULLUSHI**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania
- MS Tea **KARAMAN**, Chief Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Regional Development and EU funds of Croatia
- MS Sanda **ŠIMIĆ**, Assistant Director of the European Integration Office of Serbia
- Professor Claudio **DE VINCENTI**, Minister for Territorial Cohesion and the South of Italy

16:00-16:30

Coffee break

Plenary session I: "EUSAIR in progress – The voice of the stakeholders"

[Presentation of the progress achieved so far in the implementation of the strategy and discussion/proposals by stakeholders from the 8 countries].

Chair

MR Ioannis **FIRBAS**, EUSAIR National Coordinator, General Director, National Coordination Authority for ESIF, Ministry of Economy and Development – Greece

16:30-18:30

Keynote addresses

Speaker: MS Maria **SPYRAKI**, Member of the European Parliament

Topic: Fighting Energy Poverty in the Adriatic-Ionian Macro-region: State of Play and Future Perspectives

Speaker: MS Lena **ANDERSSON PENCH**, DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Topic: Report on the Progress of macro-regional strategies with an emphasis on the EUSAIR





Speaker: MR Apostolos **KATSIFARAS**, Chair of the Committee of the Regions, Adriatic-Ionian Interregional Group, Regional Governor Western Greece

Topic: Local and regional perspective to the EUSAIR challenges

Speaker: MS Eleni **MARIANO**, Secretary General of the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions of Europe

Topic: Macro-regional strategies: challenges and aspirations

Panel discussion

- MR Marko **STARMAN**, Faculty member at the European Faculty and former Director of public institute Nature park Strunjan – Theme: “Blue and green corridors - the role of protected areas” – Slovenia
- MR Pierluigi **COPPOLA**, Ministero delle Infrastrutture e dei Trasporti – Italy
- MS Erika **HEDER**, Director of the South East European Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning (SEECLE) – Croatia
- MR Nenad **ĐURĐEVIĆ (DJURDJEVIC)**, Head of Sector for Foreign Economic Relations Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia – Serbia
- MR Konstantinos **NIKOLOUTSOS**, Representative of AIC Forum (Adriatic Ionian Chambers), President of Ilia Chamber – Greece
- MR Stratos **IOANNOU**, Deputy Regional Governor of Regional Unit of Preveza & Responsible for tourism Development of Epirus – Theme: “Cultural Route through the Ancient Theaters of Epirus: A model Integrated Territorial Investment Program” – Greece
- MR Andreas **NTAIS**, President and CEO Port Authority of Igoumenitsa – Theme: “Adriatic/Ionian – Egnatia Supply Chain: New era for ports & transport” – Greece
- MR Ioannis **CHEKIMOGLU**, President of the Union of Pisciculturists of Thesprotia – Theme: “Boosting Blue Growth through the development of sustainable aquaculture” – Greece

Open Discussion

20:00

Evening reception and cultural programme offered by the Region of Epirus and the Municipality of Ioannina

12 MAY 2017, FRIDAY

2nd EUSAIR FORUM

Moderator: /Master of Ceremonies: Ms **NIKOLTSIOU Maria**, Journalist, ALPHA Channel

8:30–9:00

Welcome Coffee

09:00-10:00

Plenary session II-A "Blue Growth: An Adriatic-Ionian perspective for sustainable growth and jobs"

Chair

MR Bernhard **FRIESS**, Director, European Commission, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Keynote address/Scene setter





MS Sofia **LOUKMIDOU**, Ministry of Rural Development & Food - Managing Authority for EMFF O.P. 2014-2020, Head of Unit – TSG-1 Pillar Coordinator

Panel discussion

- MR Ales **GNAMUS**, Joint Research Centre of the European Commission – *Theme: "Smart Specialization Strategies focusing on Blue Growth"*
- MR Vedran **SLAPNICAR**, Associate Professor at Department of Naval Architecture and Offshore Engineering / University of Zagreb, Croatia – *Theme: "Maritime Clusters: The BlueNET project"*
- MR Vittorio **BUCCI**, Aggregate professor of ship structures and marine engineering/ University of Trieste, Italy – *Theme: "Maritime Skills: The Assess Project"*
- MS Natassa **KANNAVOU**, Representative of Piraeus Bluegrowth Initiative, Greece – *Theme: "Innovation in the Blue Economy - how can maritime innovation serve as a driver of sustainable blue growth"*

Open Discussion

Plenary session II-B "Blue Growth and the Environment - an essential interrelation for the sustainable development of the Adriatic-Ionian region"

Chair

MR George **KREMLIS**, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Environment

Keynote address/Scene setter

MR Mitja **BRICELJ** (TSG-3 Pillar Coordinator, Slovenia)

Panel discussion

10:00-11:00

- MS Marija **LAZIC**, maritime Institute Gdansk-Poland (expert on maritime spatial planning, from the Adriatic-Ionian Region but involved in the Baltic Strategy), Poland – *Theme: "Relation between blue growth and maritime spatial planning / integrated coastal zone management (with focus on coastal construction)"*
- MR Apostolos **SIGOURAS**, private sector and an expert on Ballast Water Management from the Hellenic Register of Shipping S.A. and MR Gabino **GONZALEZ DEOGRACIA**, Head of Office of REMPEC, Malta – *Theme: "Impact of large scale marine pollution on blue growth"*
- MR Ilias **Mavroeidis**, Programme Management Officer, Governance Unit, UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan Coordinating Unit, Greece, *Theme: "Contribution of blue growth to the achievements of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, the Barcelona Convention objectives and SDG 14/Agenda 2030"*
- Professor Jacques **GANOULIS**, Special Secretary for Water, Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy – *Theme: "Environmental Protection and Wastewater Reuse in the frame of Blue Growth"*

Open Discussion

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30-12:30

Plenary session II- C "Blue Growth and Connectivity- Sea interconnections and port developments "





Chair

MR Rudolf **NISSLER**, European Commission, Director DG REGIO.G "Smart and Sustainable Growth and Programme Implementation IV"

Keynote address/Scene setter

MR Antonio **CANCIAN**, TSG-2 Pillar Coordinator, Transport, Italy

MS Mirjana **FILIPOVIĆ**, TSG-2 Pillar Coordinator, Energy Network, Serbia

Panel discussion

- MR Drazen **ZGALJIC** PhD, Assistant Professor at University of Rijeka, Faculty of Maritime Studies – *Theme: "Maritime transport management, sustainability and ICT solutions"*
- MR Nedim **BEGOVIĆ**, Transport planning manager, South East Europe Transport Observatory – *Theme: "Intermodality and transport future scenarios in the Adriatic and Ionian Region"*
- MR Ivan **TRKULJA**, Head of transmission system development unit, Elektromreža Srbije – *Theme: "Transbalkan Corridor project and Undersea Power Links"*
- MS Tatiana **ELEFThERiADOU**, Associate Strategy Development and Regulation Division, New Projects Department, DESFA SA (Greek TSO) – *Theme: "LNG Bunkering and Small scale LNG Initiatives"*

Open Discussion

Plenary session II- D "Blue Growth and Tourism - Sustainable, Responsible and Innovative "Blue Tourism"

Chair

MR Jean-Pierre **HALKIN**, Head of Unit, European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy

Keynote address/Scene setter

MR Elton **OROZI**, deputy of the Albanian Pillar 4 Coordinator, TSG-4 member, Senior Expert, General Directory of Tourism Development, Ministry of Economic Development, Tourism, Trade & Entrepreneurship of Albania – *Theme: "State of play of the Thematic Steering Group for sustainable tourism (TSG-4)"*

12:30-13:30

MS Maria Luisa **LOSAVIO**, TSG-4 member, Puglia Region, Coordination of International Policies T.A., ETC, IPA, ENI Programmes and EUSAIR – *Theme: "Outcomes of the report on the EUSAIR national tourism strategies for identifying common priorities and actions in relation to the EUSAIR action plan"*

Panel discussion

- MR Christos **ECONOMOU**, Head of Unit, European Commission, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries – *Theme: "Coastal and Maritime Tourism: an engine of sustainable Blue Growth"*
- MS Sandrine **DEVOS**, Secretary General, European Boating Industry – *Theme: "How to better exploit the potential of nautical tourism"*
- MS Floriana **AGNETO**, Soprintendenza del Mare, Regione Siciliana, Assessorato Beni Culturali e Identità Siciliana – *Theme: "Underwater Cultural Itineraries in Sicily: best practices for innovative and sustainable tourism"*





- MR Spyridon **PARTHENIS**, Head of the Directorate for Strategic Planning, National Representative of EUSAIR Pillar 4, Ministry of Tourism of Greece – *Theme: “ Coastal, Maritime and Nautical tourism. A national perspective of cooperation in the context of the EUSAIR”*

Open Discussion

Closing session

Report from B2B session

- MR Ioannis **MITSIS**, President of the Chamber of Ioannina

Concluding remarks

13:30-14:00

- European Commission (MR Morten **JUNG**, Senior Expert, DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations)
- GR Chairmanship (MR Vassilis **TSELIOS**, Expert Minister Counselor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EUSAIR National Coordinator)

GR Chairmanship handing over to Italy

- MR Alexis **CHARITSIS**, Greek Alternate Minister of Economy and Development
- IT Minister

14:00–15:30

Farewell Lunch

