

### **Appendix 3**

List of planned operations of strategic importance with a timetable - Article 17(3)

#### **SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNANCE OF THE EUSAIR**

As the EUSAIR is expected to act as catalyst for stakeholders and actors at different layers, enhancing the institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies is considered of paramount importance for the Adriatic-Ionian area (in accordance with art. 14.4 (d) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1059).

The IPA ADRION programme will support the governance and implementation of the EUSAIR, through three strategic projects in charge of implementing the functions identified by the EUSAIR Governing Board<sup>1</sup>:

- 1) **EUSAIR Facility Point.** This project, coordinated by a Slovenian body, will ensure the implementation of:
  - a. Administrative and technical support to the EUSAIR governance meetings of all levels;
  - b. Communication and Coordination;
  - c. Support to decision making and capacity development of the implementers at their levels;
  - d. Monitoring and evaluation of EUSAIR.
- 2) **EUSAIR Stakeholders Point.** This project, coordinated by an Italian body, will ensure the implementation of:
  - a. Stakeholder involvement and engagement;
  - b. The support to financial dialogue and the establishment and coordination of networks of Managing Authorities.
- 3) **EUSAIR strategic implementation.** This project, coordinated by a Croatian body, will ensure the implementation of:
  - a. Support to development and implementation of strategic implementation formats.

The support to the implementation of the aforementioned projects may be ensured by pre-identified institutions appointed by the Adriatic-Ionian partner countries.

The three projects shall ensure a balanced participation of countries, including candidate and potential candidate countries, both in terms of tasks and budget.

The three projects shall coordinate among themselves to ensure synergies, complementarities, and the adequate support to EUSAIR Governing Board.

The support to the governance of the EUSAIR will ensure continuity with the one ensured in the programming period 2014-2020 and ensure a more efficient and streamlined management. In addition to the compliance with the requirements set forth by Interreg Regulation, the three projects will also report and be steered content-wise by the EUSAIR Governing Board; additionally, they will operate in close consultation and cooperation also with the EUSAIR Thematic Steering Groups.

#### **SUPPORT TO KNOWLEDGE SHARING**

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<sup>1</sup> Ref to document: Appendix *The EUSAIR Governance support: Functions, Directions of support and Possible actions*

Indicatively, four transnational university masters regarding blue economy, renewable energy, circular economy and social innovation should be granted under PO1 SO iv). These projects will be implemented in accordance with the preparatory projects granted under the programming 2014-2020 for this purpose.

### **Timetable**

**Support to the governance of the EUSAIR** is expected to be granted in the first semester of 2023; its implementation shall start in the second semester 2023.

By December 2026 , the three projects shall be subject by a mid-term assessment by the Managing Authority to analyse the financial and content achievements in relation to the approved projects.

The outcomes of the review shall be presented to IPA ADRION Monitoring Committee. The IPA ADRION Monitoring Committee's decisions shall enhance both the effectiveness of the support to EUSAIR and the overall IPA ADRION performance.

**Support to knowledge sharing** will be granted in the first quarter of 2024 at the latest. The exact timetable of these projects of strategic importance will be decided at a later stage by partner countries.