

Workshop organised by TSG 3: How to progress from mono-pillar towards joint inter-pillar projects

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Nadine Lakhali:

- EUSAIR provides a framework for focussing on cooperation activities between the 8 participating countries. The Pillar for Environmental Quality serves best for horizontal cooperation needs as seas, rivers etc. have no borders
- EUSAIR comes without own funding and hence aims at mobilising relevant EU, national and regional funding sources
- Funding possibility from DG REGIO for EU countries: The so-called mainstream programmes offer an opportunity to implement EUSAIR project ideas due to a quite substantial budget allocation coming from ESIF funds in comparison to transnational programmes
- Non-EU countries: will be more difficult to find funds from IPA II as not all countries have set the same priority on environmental matters
- Future prospect: as agreed under point 6 of the Catania Declaration, by the eight ministers of the EUSAIR countries, it will be important to have a coordination among national authorities responsible for ESIF and IPA funds to include EUSAIR priorities in the ESIF Partnership Agreements and IPA Strategy Papers for the programming period 2021-2027. EUSAIR key implementers can play a vital role in steering that process.

Giacomo Luciani:

Intervention on project concepts:

ASOSCoP:

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MSP&ICZM and 3MPS:

- Good points: the link with the EU policy/Barcelona Convention is well taken into account and the list of relevant projects is well developed
- Gap: potential partners are not indicated yet for all the EUSAIR coastal countries
- Link with other initiatives: the results of the study “Achieving coherent networks of marine protected areas: analysis of the situation in the Mediterranean sea” (COHENET), which includes a case study on the Adriatic Sea, can be relevant for these project concepts (the study should be finalised in spring 2019)



PET HAB ECO:

- Good point: potential partners are indicated for all the EUSAIR countries
- Link with DG ENV initiatives: the guidance on EU level green and blue infrastructure, which should be finalized by the end of this year, could be relevant for this project
- Project content: clarify since the beginning if the focus of the project are green corridors or green infrastructures, as green infrastructure is a wider concept than green corridor

Intervention on LIFE Programme:

- The LIFE Programme Call for proposals 2018 is now closed and the next LIFE Programme Call for proposals will be in 2019
- The topics of the 4 project concepts are relevant for some of the priority project topics listed in the LIFE Work Programme 2018-2020