

# The role of functional areas for territorial cohesion

Session B2: Functional areas and territorial cohesion at different scales - Macro-regions

The EU Strategy for the Adriatic & Ionian Region (EUSAIR)

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**LATEST DEVELOPMENTS**

# EUSAIR IMPLEMENTATION



Implementation of the Strategy since 2014

Structures and Governance of EUSAIR at their full power

Strategic Project “Facility Point” operational since 2016 ... and moving on !!!



Pillars working on identifying potential projects of macroregional value

Governing Board at the process of thinking ahead to 2021-2027



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# EUSAIR CHALLENGES

**Member States and IPA countries working together (commitment, cooperation, coordination)**

**Understanding the EUSAIR language at Pillar, national and local level**

**Bringing the added value of EUSAIR to the Adriatic-Ionian region**

**Building an EUSAIR identity and raising awareness to stakeholders, beneficiaries, potential partners**

**Project concepts, project ideas, project proposals, projects, projects, projects....**

**Sources of financing for project proposals and projects**

**Preparation of the programming period 2021-2027**



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# ESTABLISHING EUSAIR MONITORING SYSTEM ....

**BUILD** the EUSAIR knowledge base

**PREPARE & EVALUATE** the scope, depth and reliability of the available information

**UNDERSTAND** the *important elements* to monitor at macroregional level.

**UNDERSTAND** the *important elements* to monitor at Pillar level

**PERCEIVE & EVALUATE** gaps & weaknesses, potential, opportunities, challenges, threats

**COORDINATE** with other monitoring tools to avoid duplications and work overlapping

**PREPARE** for really tough tasks and duties ahead...



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## **NEXT PROGRAMMING PERIOD ....**

**Strategic documents at EU and national level to include and mention the macro-regions**

**Earmarking funds for the macro-regions at national strategic documents (sectoral & regional Ops)**

**Involvement of all participating countries to the EUSAIR structures, share responsibilities**

**Speed up procedures and processes, since structures are in place**

**Develop synergies between macro-regions, profit from good practices, exchange knowledge,**

**transfer experience, build networks**

**ETC and macroregions move jointly within the transnational cooperation programmes context**



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# Thank you

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