

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

ON THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN REGION

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The overall objective of the [EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region \(EUSAIR\)](#) is to promote the sustainable economic and social prosperity of the Region through growth and jobs creation, and by improving its attractiveness, competitiveness and connectivity, while at the same time preserving the environment and ensuring healthy and balanced marine and coastal ecosystems. The public consultation on the EUSAIR aims to reach relevant stakeholders and to gather their ideas in order to make sure that the Strategy is realistic in its starting point, appropriate in its objectives and responsive to the real needs of inhabitants of the Region. For additional information please download the [Scoping Paper](#) for the public consultation.

Please note it is important to keep in mind, when considering the following questions, that the actions and projects to be proposed should (a) concern the Adriatic and Ionian Region as a macro-region - as opposed to the national or EU level -, (b) have a positive impact on the citizens, enterprises, and the environment and (c) be feasible in the short to mid-term.

Section I - BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Please specify in which capacity you are completing this questionnaire:*

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| <input type="radio"/> As an individual/private person | <input checked="" type="radio"/> On behalf of a Public Authority |
| <input type="radio"/> On behalf of an International Organisation | <input type="radio"/> On behalf of a Civil Society Organisation |
| <input type="radio"/> On behalf of a Private Enterprise | <input type="radio"/> On behalf of an Academic/research institution |
| <input type="radio"/> Other | |

2. Please provide your name, and where relevant the name of your organisation*

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3. If your organisation is registered in the Transparency Register, please indicate your Register ID number. If your organisation is not registered, you [can register now](#). Responses from organisations not registered will be published separately.

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4. Please provide your country of residence / establishment*

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| <input type="radio"/> Bulgaria | <input type="radio"/> Belgique/België | <input type="radio"/> Česká Republika | <input type="radio"/> Danmark |
| <input type="radio"/> Deutschland | <input type="radio"/> Eesti | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Ellada | <input type="radio"/> España |
| <input type="radio"/> France | <input type="radio"/> Ireland | <input type="radio"/> Italia | <input type="radio"/> Kypros |
| <input type="radio"/> Latvija | <input type="radio"/> Lietuva | <input type="radio"/> Luxembourg | <input type="radio"/> Magyarország |
| <input type="radio"/> Malta | <input type="radio"/> Nederland | <input type="radio"/> Österreich | <input type="radio"/> Polska |
| <input type="radio"/> Portugal | <input type="radio"/> România | <input type="radio"/> Slovenija | <input type="radio"/> Slovensko |
| <input type="radio"/> Suomi/Finland | <input type="radio"/> Sverige | <input type="radio"/> United Kingdom | <input type="radio"/> FYROM |
| <input type="radio"/> Hrvatska | <input type="radio"/> Norway | <input type="radio"/> Iceland | <input type="radio"/> Serbia |
| <input type="radio"/> Türkiye | <input type="radio"/> Brazil | <input type="radio"/> China | <input type="radio"/> Russia |
| <input type="radio"/> Ukraine | <input type="radio"/> India | <input type="radio"/> Other | |

5. How well do you know the Adriatic and Ionian macro-region?*

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| <input type="radio"/> Very well informed | <input type="radio"/> Fairly well informed | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not very well informed | <input type="radio"/> Not informed at all |
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6. How well informed are you about the EU macro-regional strategies?*

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| <input type="radio"/> Very well informed | <input type="radio"/> Fairly well informed | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not very well informed | <input type="radio"/> Not informed at all |
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7. Please provide your e-mail address

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Section II - EUSAIR NEEDS

8. What are the main (economic, environment and social) challenges and opportunities in the Adriatic and Ionian Region which would benefit from a macro-regional approach?

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The main challenges are the development of combined transportation, the establishment of a network of intermodal nodes specialised in the logistic services for diet products (food). Furthermore, another challenge and opportunity is the development of tourism.

9. What are the main administrative and governance challenges in the region (in particular with focus on macro-regional cooperation)?

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One important aspect is the accomplishment of the regional governance without the implication of central government. The goal is the decisions of important issues related to the growth of each region to come close to the regional stakeholders.

10. How can the cooperation and coordination across national borders / at transnational level be improved in the region?

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Improve the development of networking of interregional stakeholders.

11. What are the needs in terms of funding and how to improve the use of existing financial instruments to achieve the objectives of the EUSAIR?

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It is important to design a funding programme for the enhancement of the different pillars of the EUSAIR. The specific Programme can be integrated as a specialised INTERREG Programme. part of the specific programme can be directed in the development of public infrastructure and another part can be directed in the development of Public Private Investments.

Section III - EUSAIR SOLUTIONS

12. What are in your views the main topics on which the EUSAIR should concentrate? (please indicate max. 2 topics per Pillar)

I Driving innovative maritime and marine growth

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime clusters and research | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue bio-technologies | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries | <input type="checkbox"/> Seabed exploration | <input type="checkbox"/> Human capital |

II Connecting the region

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waterways, air, road and rail systems | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intermodal nodes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Security and safety of sea and inland transport modes | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy systems and security of supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increased use of renewable and clean energies, energy efficiency and savings | |

III Preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marine environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of water, air and soils | <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity and landscapes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation and adaptation to climate change | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural risks | <input type="checkbox"/> Spatial planning |

IV Increasing regional attractiveness

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adriatic-Ionian Region identity natural and cultural heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human capital | <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusion of disadvantaged groups |

13. Please indicate any other topic that should be addressed by the EUSAIR

1,500 character(s) maximum

The main target should be the development of entrepreneurship in the following economic sectors: food industry, transportation and tourism.

14. Which of the above topics might benefit from being considered together in an integrated approach?

1,500 character(s) maximum

All aforementioned pillars (food, transportation and tourism - FTT) should be considered as on the main EUSAIR clusters. It is important to provide an integrated approach for the complete value chain of the products that we produce, we transfer and we consume.

15. What are the main concrete actions and projects, which in the short to medium term, could contribute to fulfilling the objectives of the EUSAIR. (Please indicate max. 4 actions/projects)

Please select relevant pillar for action/project 1:

- Pillar I Pillar II Pillar III Pillar IV

Action/project 1:

6,000 character(s) maximum

Establishment of an international smart logistics center with specialisation on temperature controlled freight cargo, such as food products, fisheries, fresh vegetables etc. (ILCTC). The location of Patras, one of the important cities of the MACRO Region, are all the requirements in order to create and develop the aforementioned ILCTC. More specifically in the specific place there is a complete intermodal transportation node (integration of air, road, sea and train transport). The specific project will provide a significant added value to the overall MACRO REGION giving a specialised identity as the logistics center of Europe and Mediterranean Countries. The specific project can be detailed in a future document in the next phase.

Please select relevant pillar for action/project 2:

Pillar I Pillar II Pillar III Pillar IV

Action/project 2:

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Design and development of an electronic platform for the management of combined transportation of people and products in the MACRO-REGION. In order to enhance the services provided to freight and people transportation in the broaden region and accomplish the term smart in the logistics identity that we vision for the MACRO REGION it is important to integrate all the possible transportation networks of the region, to integrate the nodes of entrepreneurship and innovation development, in order to achieve the economic and sustainable growth and attractiveness of the MACRO REGION.

Please select relevant pillar for action/project 3:

Pillar I Pillar II Pillar III Pillar IV

Actions/projects 3:

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Please select relevant pillar for action/project 4:

Pillar I Pillar II Pillar III Pillar IV

Action/project 4

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16. Which are the main actors in the region that need to be involved in the implementation of the EUSAIR to ensure that it will run successfully (incl. issues such as relevant decision makers, project actors, financing sources)?

1,500 character(s) maximum

The Region of Western Greece, The chambers of the different regions and research organisations should be integrated in the implementation of the EUSAIR.

17. How can the administrative and governance capacity in the region be improved and what kinds of organisational arrangements are needed to implement the EUSAIR? (partnerships, coordination mechanisms, monitoring & evaluation, communication & visibility, decision making on projects ...)

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Section IV – ADDED VALUE

18. How would the EUSAIR improve the situation? Please specify what results you expect from implementation.

1,500 character(s) maximum

The products produced in the region must be located easily and smart in the European and Global market. This will lead to entrepreneurship development, to sustainable growth and jobs increase. The specific will also result to the increase of internal demand of local and regional communities in our MACRO REGION.

19. What would be the added value of the EUSAIR? Please specify the expected added value of the Strategy, as compared to individual actions to be taken in the countries or regions.

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It is important to enhance the interregional approach and establishment of international and transnational and interregional networks aiming to achieve scale economy of implemented actions.

20. Please specify what extra benefits are there at the European Union level?

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Section V – FURTHER THOUGHTS

21. Any further comments of relevance for the development and implementation of the EUSAIR?

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