



The transition of the EUSAIR towards the European Green Deal

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Why and how such transition?

- Solidity
- Complementarities
- Potentials
- Mutual benefits

THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

The EU will...



**Become
climate-neutral
by 2050**



**Transform to
circular and
resource-efficient
economy**



**Preserve and restore
ecosystems and
biodiversity**

...all the while...



**Ensuring a just and
inclusive
transition**



**Remaining
competitive and helping
companies become world
leaders in clean products
and technologies**

Solidity (solid basis - building blocks)

The EUSAIR has already proved to be highly relevant in delivering the EGD (European Green Deal)

Example:

- The EUSAIR has helped improve the water quality of the Adriatic-Ionian Seas through better monitoring of the water quality (EGD policy area “eliminating pollution”)

Source: 3rd Report on the implementation of EU macro-regional strategies

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/policy/cooperation/macro-regional-strategies/

Complementarities (content)

The EUSAIR actions are relevant for several EGD related documents:

Example

- EUSAIR PILLAR 3 – ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
- EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 (page 5): “... in order to have a truly coherent and resilient **Trans-European Nature Network** ...investments in green and blue infrastructure and cooperation across borders among Member States should be promoted and supported, including through the *European Territorial Cooperation.*”

Potentials (method)

The EUSAIR offers a cooperation platform “fit for purposes” for supporting the implementation of the EGD actions, which provides the following:

- **Coordination** of funds and actions + joint initiatives for making the best use of the multiple and diversified funding opportunities and resources needed in order to face the EGD common challenges (current embedding process is key!)
- **Cross-sectoral** approach for implementing the EGD actions, which are strongly interconnected
- **Multi-level** governance and **stakeholders** involvement for ensuring the contribution of all the relevant actors to the EGD implementation

Mutual benefits (win-win)

The EUSAIR supports the EGD implementation and the EGD provides a common vision:

- The EUSAIR can help the EGD implementation on the ground with coordinated regional and local initiatives, taking into account the **territorial specificities** of the Adriatic-Ionian Region
- The EUSAIR can help the implementation of the EGD in the **Western Balkans countries** (and the Green Agenda for Western Balkans) participating in the Strategy
- The EGD offers a common policy framework and common objectives to the EUSAIR, and therefore it provides a **common vision** (within the EUSAIR and also across the four MRS)

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