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OUR LATEST PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Forum AIC Annual General Assembly

On Friday 11th June 2021, **we welcomed President Jozse Tomaš** at the lead of
Forum AIC, during our second **Online Ordinary Assembly**.

Click [here](#) to see and download the attachments, to retrace the activities of the
Forum during the two-year period 2019-2021!

Thanks to all the Forum members who keep up the great work!



All-FORA online Side-Event within 6th EUSAIR FORUM

The Adriatic and Ionian Fora of Chambers of Commerce, Universities and Cities and their members, in cooperation with Adriatic and Ionian Initiative and the Chairmanship of the Republic of Slovenia have organized three online Side-Events within the framework of the **6th EUSAIR Forum**.

The events gathered a great number of attendees and gave them the opportunity to discuss about three very current topics.



- **“Saline intrusion: a potential risk for coastal aquifer management in a changing climate”, 10th May, 10:00-12:00**

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- **“Small ports in the Blue Economy strategy”, 10th May, 15:00-17:00**

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- **“SMEs towards Circular Economy”, 12th May, 16:00-18:00**

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IZOLA DECLARATION

In the Framework of the 6th EUSAIR Forum, Forum AIC has been mentioned in the Declaration of Izola where the Fora of Civil Society are mentioned several times and recognized as the main actors for the implementation of the strategy.

Click on the image below to read the full Declaration!

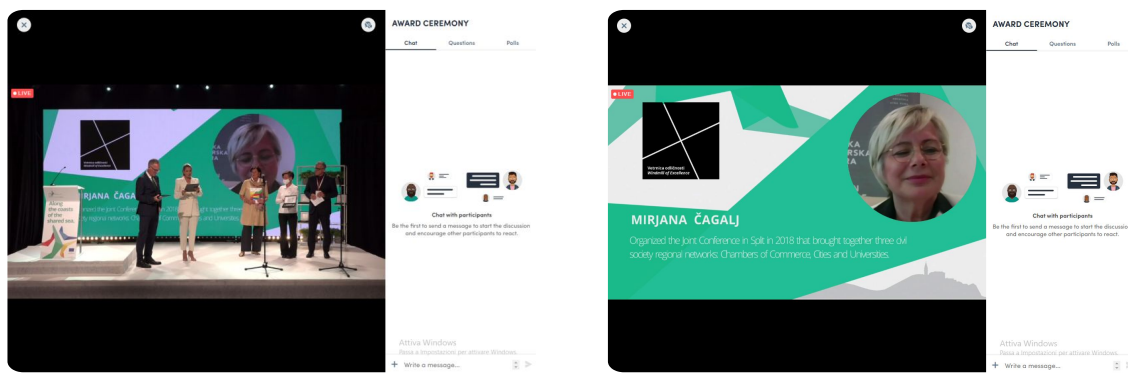
 <p>VI Adriatic and Ionian Council / EUSAIR Ministerial Meeting</p> <p>Izola Declaration</p> <p>"ALONG THE SHORES OF THE SHARED SEA"</p> <p>11 May 2021</p> <p>We, the Representatives of the Governments of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia, meeting in Izola (Slovenia), with the participation of a representative of the European Commission and in the presence of San Marino¹, in the framework of the Adriatic and Ionian Council/EUSAIR Ministerial Meeting and 6th Forum of the European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GUIDED by the Ancona Declaration of 20 May 2000 and its basic principles, and RECALLING the Conclusions of the EU General Affairs Council (GAC) of 29 September 2014 and those of the European Council of 23-24 October 2014 which endorsed EUSAIR, on the basis of the Commission's Communication of 17 June 2014, and the Addendum to the EUSAIR Communication (COM(2020) 132 final) adopted by the Commission on 2 April 2020, including North Macedonia in EUSAIR; 2. ACKNOWLEDGE the reality of 2020 and 2021 marked by the COVID-19 pandemic and RECOGNISE that a common European response and cooperation between the participating countries in the Adriatic-Ionian Region is needed to tackle the ongoing pandemic and face the key challenge of socio-economic recovery; 3. RECOGNISE that green connectivity as the key objective of the Slovenian Presidency of EUSAIR/AII² has contributed to improving the quality of life across the Adriatic and Ionian Region and should become a transversal component of all pillars in order to contribute to Europe's green recovery and green future. In that context, we RECOGNISE EUSAIR's <p>¹ As the AII member. ² EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region and Adriatic and Ionian Initiative.</p>	<p>contribution to the EU Sustainable Blue Economy through establishment of Blue Corridors³;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. COMMIT to steer the post-crisis recovery towards green & digital transition in line with the European Green Deal and the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans together with the communications "Shaping Europe's Digital Future"⁴ and the "Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans"⁵ with the support of the funds from the relevant 2021-2027 EU funding programmes; 5. COGNISANT of the EUSAIR's unique attractiveness to new members, following the accession of North Macedonia in 2020, RESPOND POSITIVELY to the request put forward by the Republic of San Marino and PROPOSE to the Council of the European Union to undertake all necessary steps to include the Republic of San Marino in the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region; also TAKE NOTE of the application of Cyprus to participate in EUSAIR; 6. REAFFIRM the support for the European perspective of the Western Balkans as well as the Western Balkans' continued commitment to the European perspective, building on the importance of good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation enhanced through the strengthened commitment of EUSAIR/AII to facilitate the EU enlargement process in the Western Balkans; 7. ENCOURAGE the implementation of the recommendations set in the Youth Manifesto⁶ in the EUSAIR region, WELCOME the AII Permanent Secretariat activities in this direction; and SUPPORT further active engagement of young people in EUSAIR/AII implementation. Hence, we INVITE each of the following presiding countries to further develop and promote the Young POPRI⁷ network, and benefit from the best entrepreneurial ideas challenging the smart, green and sustainable transition of Adriatic-Ionian Region; 8. COMMIT to further promote the inclusion of civil society, COMMEND the idea of the Slovenian EUSAIR/AII presidency awarding the Windmill of Excellence⁸ and conferring the honorary title of Ambassador of the EU Macro-Regional Strategy and AGREE that the conferment of the title could become a tradition at EUSAIR fora. 9. EMPHASISING the role of National Parliaments as direct representatives of the people, RECOGNISE the importance of the 17th Conference of the Presidents/Speakers of Parliaments organised by the Slovenian AII Presidency in April that focused on the <p>³ As discussed on the 13th Governing Board meeting and based on "EUSAIR Synthesis Report: Multi-level Governance and Cross-Sector Practices Supporting the European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region", OCEC, 2019. ⁴ COM(2020)67 final ⁵ COM(2020) 642 final ⁶ Manifesto for Young People by Young People to shape the European Cooperation Policy, European Commission, October 2020. ⁷ POPRI international is a competition for the best entrepreneurial idea among young people from 9 countries of the Adriatic-Ionian macro region. ⁸ As specified in the "Priglasilo for a winner selection procedure and the awarding process for Ambassador of Macro-Regional Strategies 2021", presented at the 14th Governing Board meeting on 2 March 2021.</p>
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**Former President of Forum AIC, Mirjana Čagalj,
awarded the title of Ambassador of Macro-regional**

The Vice President of the Croatian Chamber of Economy for Construction and Transport - and Former President of the Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce - Mirjana Čagalj, has just received the honorary title 🏅 of Ambassador of Macro-Regional Strategies during the 6thEUSAIRForum!

She has been awarded for her contribution to strengthening the economic and political cooperation in the Adriatic-Ionian Region, for organizing the first joint conference of the three AI Fora of Civil Society (Chambers of Commerce, Cities and Universities) in 2018.

Congratulations from all of us!



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"The more you learn, the more you earn!"

The new promotional video related to the upcoming Learning Channel of the [EUSAIR Stakeholder Platform](#) is online!

There will be great news during the next months in the framework of the Eusair Facility Point, stay tuned and don't miss them!

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Take a look at the new Eusair Learning Channel!

OUR ONGOING PROJECTS

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beginning of August and will see the participation of many
successful intrapreneurs!

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CEnTOUR

We are thrilled to announce that [CEnTOUR - Circular Economy in Tourism](#) **CALL FOR SELECTIONS IS ABOUT TO COME OUT!**

CEnTOUR project is a great and unique opportunity for SMEs in the Tourism Sector to reach different levels of circular economy innovation!

Take a look at CEnTOUR Promotional Video and follow our social media pages in order not to miss the CALL!

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Christian Battiferro and **Alberto Pla Monfort**, two professionals from the audiovisual industry, are making the most out of their collaboration in **Valencia!**

They are taking advantage of the current situation in the Tourism sector to create new synergies, collaborations and projects.

Do you want to know how they are doing it?

Are you also interested in participating in the [MobiliseSME programme](#)?

Then contact us, we will be glad to help you, and follow our social pages not to miss Christian and Alberto's adventures!



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ECONautiNET Network

Online, until June 30, 2021

The [CCE – Pula County Chamber](#) is one of the partners in the **ECO-NautiNET Project**. The aim of the project is to improve the competitiveness and innovation capacity of SMEs in the maritime sector and related sectors (materials, maintenance, fuel, catering, etc.) in the wider Adriatic - Ionian region.

The main objective is the ECONautiNET Network: a cooperation network among enterprises, business support organizations and research institutes. This Web platform, will have a specific focus on the **ECO solutions in the nautical sector**, developing a set of instruments and tools to foster innovation and internationalization of SMEs across the Adriatic-Ionian area.

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