

Twelfth Meeting of the WBIF Steering Committee

European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)

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EUSAIR STRATEGY

- The European Council endorsed the European Union Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) and called on all relevant actors to implement it
- This strategy builds on the Maritime Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Seas adopted by the European Commission in 2012.
- This is the unique European macro-regional strategy that involve four EU Member States and four non-EU countries.

European Macro-Regional Strategies

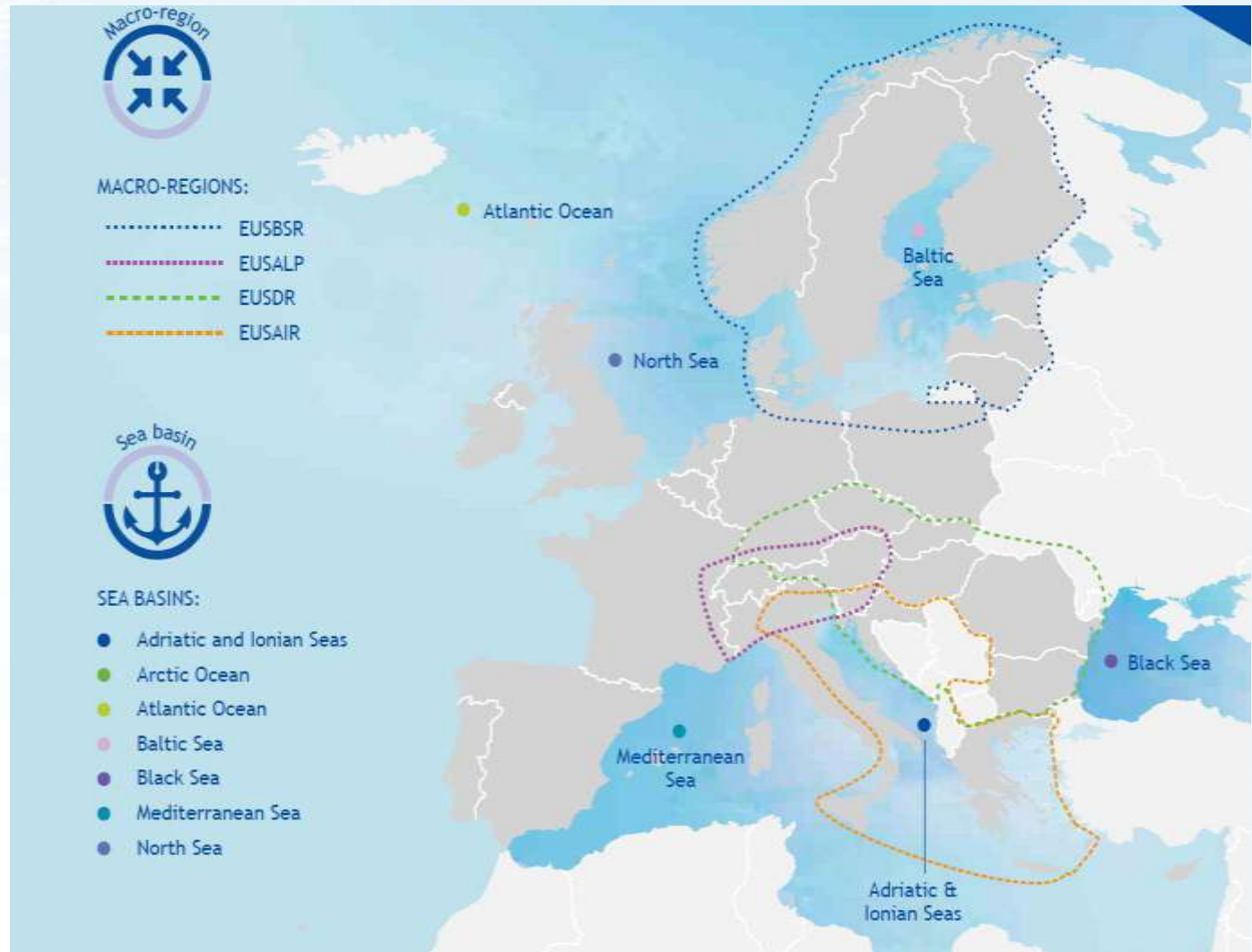
The European Council endorsed 4 Macro-regional strategies to address common challenges faced by a defined geographical area

EUSBR
Baltic sea region

EUSALP
Alpine region

EUSDR
Danubian region

EUSAIR
Adriatic and Ionian region



EUSAIR: European Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region



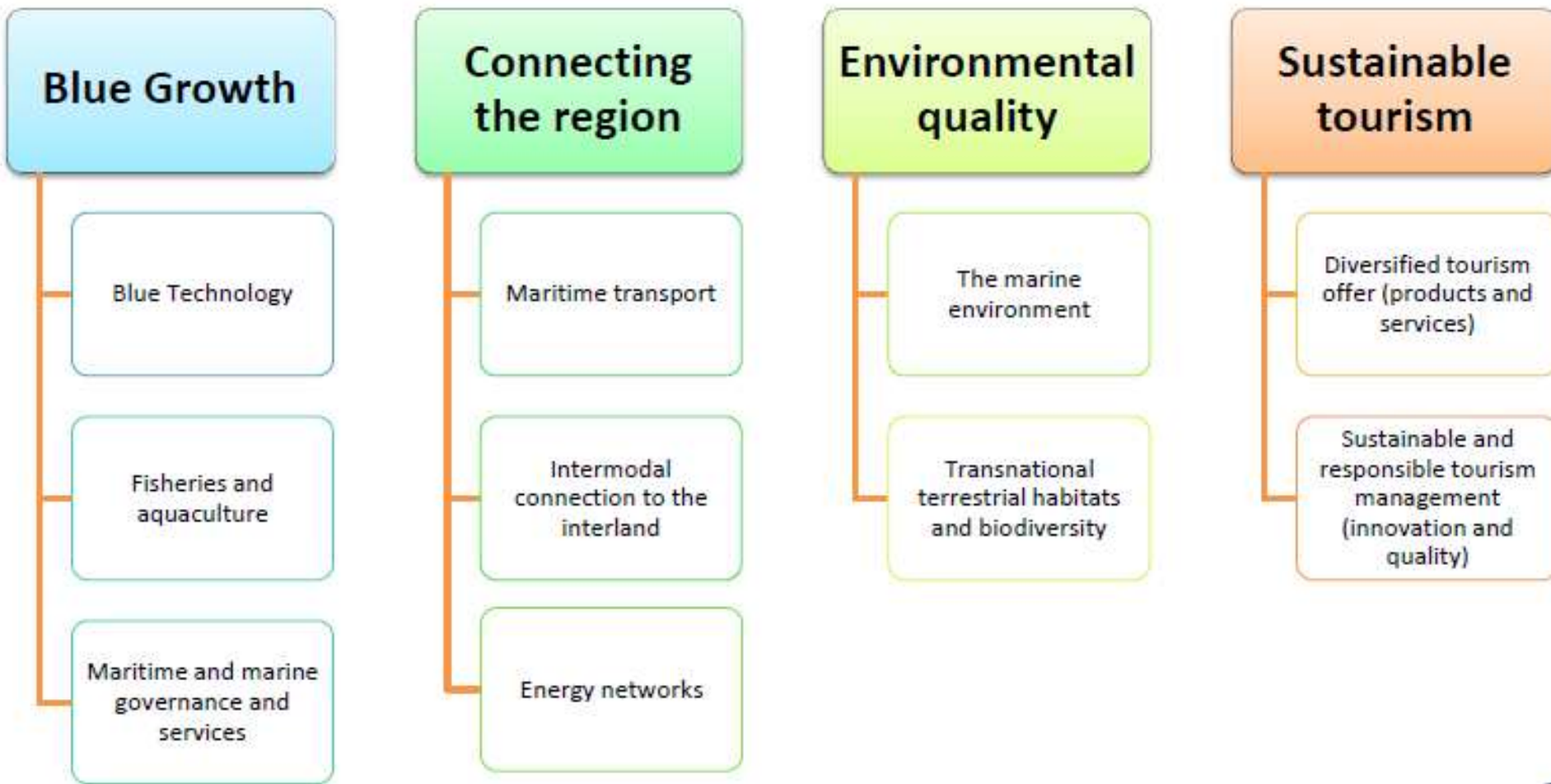
EUSAIR INVOLVE 8 COUNTRIES:

4 EU countries: Croatia, Greece, Italy, Slovenia;

3 candidates countries: Albania, Montenegro, Serbia;

1 potential candidate country: Bosnia and Herzegovina.

EUSAIR Action Plan: 4 Pillars



EUSAIR - Thematic Working Group Pillar 2

- Main goals of the Thematic Working Group (TWG) is to ensure a smooth governance and management process in order to achieve the main objective of the EUSAIR Strategy: “to promote sustainable economic and social prosperity through growth and jobs creation, by improving its attractiveness, competitiveness and connectivity”.
- In particular, as TWG of the Pillar 2 of the strategy: **Connecting the region** our main effort will be devoted to:
design, manage and verify actions aiming at improving connectivity in terms of transport and energy.

EUSAIR Pillar 2: Connecting the region

Coordinators of Pillar 2 are Italy and Serbia



Connecting the Region
EUSAIR

Specific objectives of the pillar are:

- Maritime safety and security
- competitive intermodal port system
- reliable transport networks
- intermodal connections with the hinterland
- well-interconnected and well-functioning internal energy.

EUSAIR Pillar 2: Connecting the region

Maritime transport

- To strengthen maritime safety and security and develop a competitive regional intermodal port system

Intermodal connections to the hinterland

- To develop reliable transport networks and intermodal connections with the hinterland, both for freight and passengers

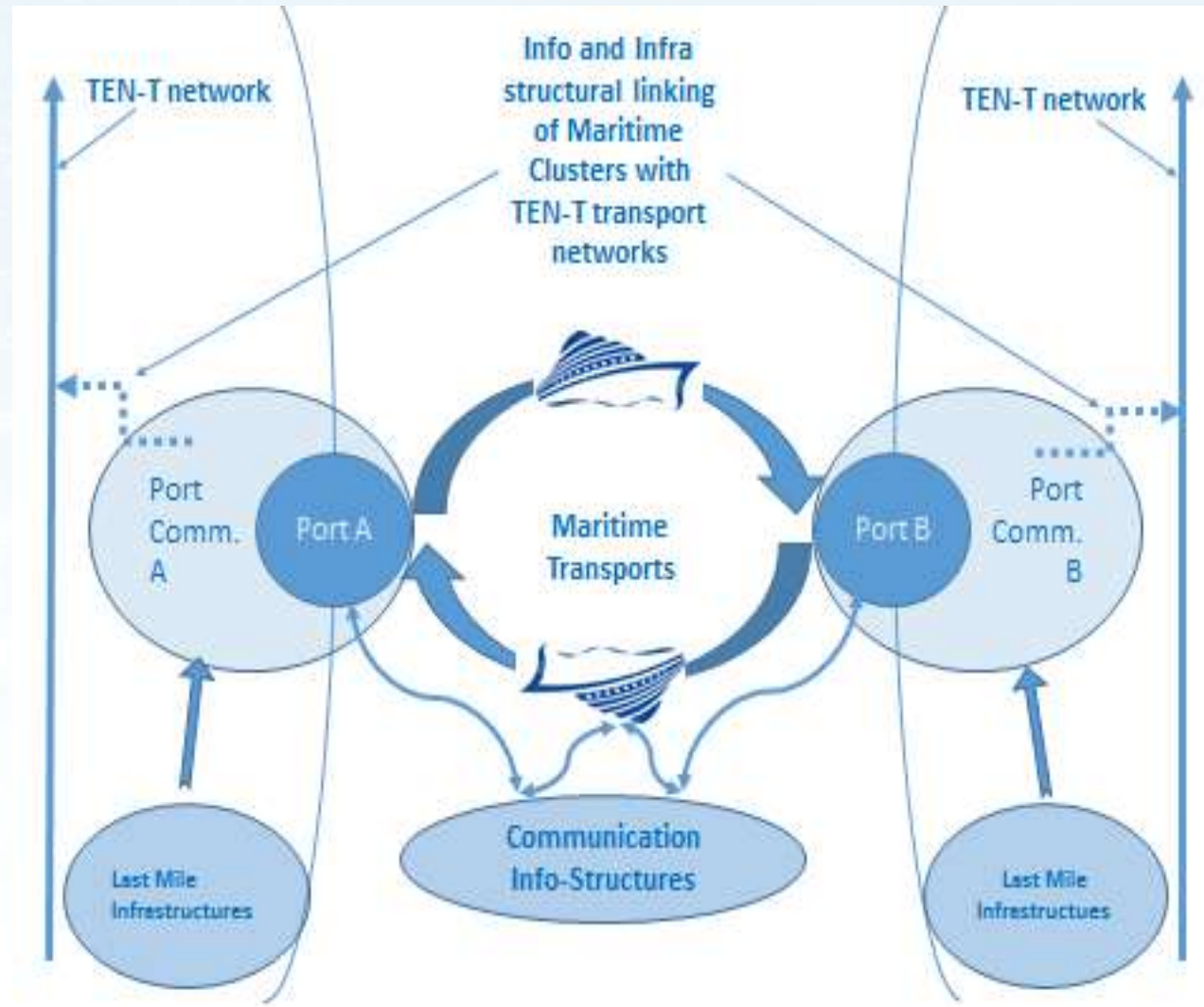
Energy networks

- To achieve a well-interconnected and well-functioning internal energy market

EUSAIR will play a crucial role in facing important challenges for transport sector such as the interconnection of the Maritime Clusters with the hinterland and with the main transport networks

EUSAIR Pillars 2: Connecting the region

- ✓ Interconnection of the Maritime Clusters with the hinterland and with the transport networks
- ✓ Overcoming the infra-structural and info-structural gaps
- ✓ Facilitating the last mile connections
- ✓ Empowering the role of the ICT/ITS



EUSAIR Pillars 2: Connecting the region



Supporting the development of the SEETO Network in the Western Balkans

Promoting the integration of SEETO in the Trans-European Transport Network TEN-T

EUSAIR Pillars 2: Connecting the region



The EUSAIR will mobilize and align existing EU and national funding instruments for each of the topics identified under the four pillars

WBIF can play a crucial role in the implementation of the Strategy

EUSAIR Pillars 2: Territorial Cooperation programmes

Territorial Cooperation in the Eusair Area

Transnational Cooperation

- ADRION
- MED
- ALPINE SPACE
- ENI MED CBC
- BALKAN MED
- CENTRAL EUROPE
- DANUBIAN REGION PROGRAMME

Cross Border Cooperation

Interregional cooperation

Interreg Europe

Urbact III

Interact III

ESPN

