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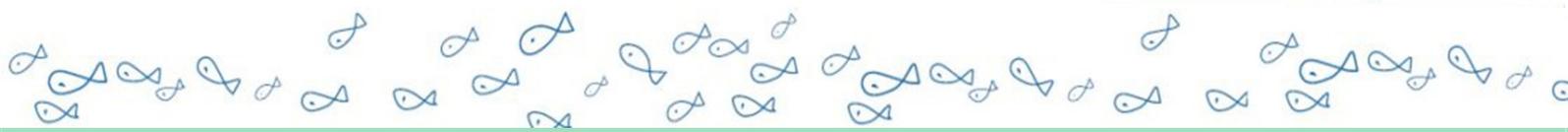
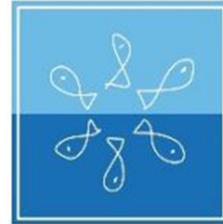


# PULA CROATIA



## 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016

### "Adriatic Ionian Euroregion Celebrates 10 Years"



### Pula, 2 July 2016

#### Adriatic Ionian Euroregion Celebrates 10 Years

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Adriatic Ionian Euroregion (AIE), 4PILLARS project has organized an important event in Pula, Croatia. The Adriatic Ionian Euroregion network has been founded on 30th of June in 2006, just in Pula, to promote the transnational and interregional cooperation among Regions and local Authorities in the Adriatic Ionian area.

Many results has been realized in 10 years of work, with the participation of 28 members, gathered in 12 assemblies, 6 executive com-

mittees, 12 technical commissions, 13 international conferences and an important presentation at European Commission, at European Council in Strasbourg, opening of the Bruxelles office, meetings with main networks in the Adriatic Ionian area, with Chambers of Commerce, municipalities and universities. These are some of the main results of the AIE, a network that in 2010, for the first time, formally requested to the Committee of Regions, European Commission and Parliament, to adopt a macro regional strategy.



The Pula event took place in two locations. The first location has been the “Circolo” Italian Community in Pula, Carrarina 1. The second venue has been the suggestive Arena Amphitheatre.

### First Venue

#### “Circolo” Italian Community Pula

Welcome and opening statement has curated by Nikola Dobroslavic, AIE President and President of Dubrovnik Neretva County, in Croatia. In the opening of the extraordinary assembly, the President has remarked his great satisfaction, with these words: *“We have gained our primary goal, and this is the main result of our projects. We are here and we will face together to rise a better life for our citizens”*. After this speech, there was the intervent of Mr. Valter Flego, President of the Region of Istria.

### Round Table

“Past, present and future of the

macroregional cooperation in the Adriatic- Ionian area – capitalization of common experiences and results - achieving the objectives of the EUSAIR”. This is the title of the round table on which have been focused the event. The round table has been moderated by Mr. Francesco Cocco, Secretary General of the Adriatic Ionian Euroregion. Mr. Giovanni Di Stasi, Former President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, introduced the topic. The round table has addressed the capitalization of 13 project granted under IPA Adriatic CBC Programme: Adrigov, Shape, Intermodal, Balmas, APC, DeFish-Gear, Tisar, Speedy, Ecosea, Star, Easy Connecting, Hera and Simple. In this first part of the event, there was a “corner point information” in the hall, with all products and the results of projects.





## Second Venue

### “Arena” - Amphitheatre

Amazing satisfaction shared by Ivan Jakovic, member of European Parliament, first AIE President, and great supporter of the association. Mister Jakovic underlined: *“We had a vision, and we have gained it. Now we should decide who will be the future guide of the project. They can not be European Commission, Governments, Municipalities. But they should be the Regions. They have to build a synergy. Now more than ever it’s evident that our cohesion means that we want more Europe in our life. But better Europe. We should engage to fight for our citizens. And EUSAIR Strategy is the answer”*. Then, Mr. Valter Flego, President of the Region of Istria, spoke about borders and barriers: *“We want to demonstrate that boundaries are not barriers, but they help to build a*

*common European space. The AIE is a symbol of progress and development thanks to our contributions”*.

In the final, Mr. Francesco Cocco, the Secretary General of the Adriatic-Ionian Euroregion, concluded: *“We have never organized our activities in a closed room, but we have shared them with our people having the same dream, the same people that never betrayed us. The most important result in 10 ten years was to have built an institutional community as well as a community of people linked by a durable system of relationships.”*





# ADRIATIC+ COAST DAY

## 24 LUGLIO 2016 PESCARA

### **Pescara, 24 July 2016** ***Adriatic+ Coast Day***

In the framework of the Adriatic+ Project “Sharing Marine and Coastal cross management experiences in the Adriatic Basin”, funded by the Adriatic IPA CBC 2007-2013 Cooperation Programme was organized the Adriatic+ Coast Day.

The event was held in Pescara, Italy, on 16th of July and had its focus on sea, biodiversity of the marine environment and sustainable development of coastal areas, with the aim of providing an occasion to highlight the crucial role that the Adriatic sea plays in the everyday life of coastal communities.

This Adriatic+ Coast Day is strictly linked to the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region

(EUSAIR) whose aim is to promote sustainable economic and social prosperity of the Regions through growth and jobs creation, by improving its attractiveness and connectivity, while preserving the environment and ensuring a healthy marine and coastal ecosystems.

The event was organized between two locations. In the morning, several events had take place at the Adriatic+ Village (Arena del Mare) sailing exhibition and other raising awareness activities open to the public. In the afternoon, the thematic workshop were held at Aurum (Sala Tosti) with the participation of international speakers. It was focused on the two EUSAIR Actions: the “Threat to coastal and marine biodiversity” (PILLAR 3, Topic 1 The marine

environment) and the “Governance of the maritime space” (PILLAR 1, Topic 3 Maritime and marine governance).

At the end of the day, there was a public discussion on the protection of marine biodiversity following by the entertainment show of the Italian artist Fiorella Mannoia, singer chosen because she has a strong attention for environment issues.





## Venezia, 25 July 2016

### **Adriatic Ionian Pillar 2 on transports: turning strategies into actions**

On 25th of July, the 2 EUSAIR Pillar “Connecting the Region” was the focus of the event organized by the Veneto Region, with the CARICA project.

CARICA project was funded by “Targeted call on EUSAIR” launched in February 2016 by the IPA Adriatic Programme 2007-2013. It was funded in the Priority 3 “Accessibility and Networks”, Measure 3.2 “Sustainable mobility systems”, with a total budget of € 818,667.50. The Veneto Region is partner in the project with U.O. Logistics. The project is capitalizing the results of “ADRIATICMOS” (approved in the 1st Call for ordinary projects), “INTERMODADRIA” (approved on the 2nd call for ordinary projects) and “EASYCONNECTING” (approved by the call for strategic projects) and is aimed to promote connectivity between the regions of the Adriatic-Ionian

basin. The improvement of the coordination of the macro-regional decision-making for maritime transport, and the implementation of common strategies and infrastructure investments in the Sea Motorways were also expected goals. The project have supported the implementation of the actions identified in the topic 1 “Maritime Shipping” and in the topic 2 “intermodal connections with the” of the Pillar 2 “Connecting the Region” of EUSAIR Strategy.

The project had a total of nine partners (from Italy, Greece, Croatia, Bosnia Herzegovina and Montenegro) and nine associate partners. For the regional system are present the Interporto Padova Spa (6 associated partners) and the Intermodal Logistics Training Consortium CFLI (7 associated partners). The project has a duration of six months.





## European Commission Press Release - 22 July 2016

### ***EU publishes key results of its international cooperation and development activities***

On 22th July, the European Commission has published its first comprehensive report on its Results Framework. This constitutes a new way of reporting on results of EU-financed development projects and programmes, and outlines that the EU has contributed to significant results in partner countries.

The report showed the results of projects and programmes which ended between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014. It showed that, with the contribution of EU development cooperation, over 4.5 million women of reproductive age and children under 5 benefited from nutrition-related programmes, and over 1.1 million births were attended by skilled health personnel, helping to reduce maternal mortality. Over 29 million children were enrolled

at school, with over 19 million in primary education and 9.5 million in secondary education.

The EU International Cooperation and Development Results Framework has provided the basis for this annual EU report, which is the first of its kind. It presents results of development cooperation activities based on data reported by the partners implementing EU financed projects and programmes (as partner countries, international organisations, EU Member State development agencies and international financial institutions).

This report marked a significant step forward in terms of transparency, providing a selection of results achieved by about 100 partner countries across the globe with the support of EU-funded projects and programmes. The

covered sectors are: good governance, conflict prevention, energy, education, health, sustainable agriculture, transport, environment and climate change.

The EU Results Report has been the first of a series of systematic annual reports that present the results of development cooperation activities in an aggregated way, using quantitative indicators. It represents approximately 90% of the value of all EU-funded projects and programmes ending in that period of time. The report is addressed to European citizens and other stakeholders in partner countries. It is part of a broader effort to strengthen the focus on performance and results in EU international cooperation and development.



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