



# 4PILLARS

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## Newsletter

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## DELIVERING EUSAIR: TIME TO INVEST

BRUXELLES, 12 OCTOBER 2016

IN THE FRAMEWORK OF 4PILLARS PROJECT IT HAS BEEN ORGANIZED A DEBATE WHICH INCLUDED DIFFERENT PANELS, ONE POLITICAL (“UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN REGION: ONE YEAR AFTER”) AND ONE TECHNICAL (“IMPLEMENTING EUSAIR THROUGH NEW PROJECTS AND IDEAS IN COMMON”), ON JOBS AND GROWTH IN THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN MACROREGION, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FOUR EUSAIR PILLARS. THE DEBATE BROUGHT TOGETHER POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES, EXPERTS IN REGIONAL POLICY AND THE EU INSTITUTIONS. THE CONFERENCE AIMED TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUSAIR AND HOW TO MAKE THE REGION MORE ATTRACTIVE TO INVESTORS. THE ROLE OF INVESTMENT IN HUMAN CAPITAL AND THE IMPORTANCE OF MOBILITY WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THEMES OF THIS EVENT.

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## LOCAL WORKSHOP 4 PILLARS PROJECT

MONTENEGRO, 20 OCTOBER 2016

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO, INSTITUTE OF MARINE BIOLOGY, AS PARTNER OF THE PROJECT “4PILLARS: FOR PROMOTING AN INNOVATIVE MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE SYSTEM OF EUSAIR” ORGANIZED THE LOCAL WORKSHOP “DIVERSIFICATION AND PROFITABILITY OF FISHERY AND AQUACULTURE SECTORS (BLUE GROWTH)”. THE WORKSHOP WAS HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER 2016 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE BIOLOGY, IN KOTOR. THE WORKSHOP WAS ATTENDED BY PROFESSIONAL FISHERMEN FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF KOTOR, TIVAT, HERCEG NOVI AND BUDVA, SHELLFISH FARMERS FROM THE AREA OF BOKA KOTORSKA BAY, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KOTOR AND TIVAT, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC ENTERPRISE FOR COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT. PART OF THE WORKSHOP WAS DEDICATED TO THE PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF IPA DEFISHGEAR AND ECOSEA PROJECTS AS WELL AS IT WAS MADE AN OVERVIEW REGARDING THE BLUE GROWTH STRATEGY, ITS FOCUS AREAS, THE TERRITORIAL DIMENSIONS AND BLUE GROWTH NEEDS AND POTENTIALS PER COUNTRY.

## FOCUS GROUP - ADDED VALUE OF EU MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGIES

BRUSSELS, 27 OCTOBER 2016

INTERACT HAS COMMISSIONED A STUDY ON THE ADDED VALUE OF THESE STRATEGIES AND HOW MACRO-REGIONAL PROJECTS CAN HELP FUNDING PROGRAMMES TO ACHIEVE THEIR OWN PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES. THE FOCUS GROUP’S THEMES ARE THE FOLLOWING: - THE STUDY TO CONSOLIDATE AND QUALITY CHECK THE FINDINGS; - RECOMMENDATIONS OF HOW TO BETTER USE THE BENEFITS MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGIES; - THE BENEFITS VARIOUS KINDS OF FUNDING PROGRAMMES FROM CONTRIBUTING TO A MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGY; - THE TANGIBLE BENEFITS CONCRETE PROJECTS FROM CONTRIBUTING TO A MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGY; - THE BENEFITS THAT MACRO-REGIONAL STRATEGIES FOR PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS.



## “CITIZENS’ DIALOGUE: REFLECTING ON THE EU - FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF CITIES AND REGION” AND CONFERENCE: “THE ROLE OF THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN REGIONS (EUSAIR) IN INCREASING PROSPERITY AND SECURITY IN EUROPE”

DUBROVNIK, 28 OCTOBER 2016

ON 28TH OCTOBER IN DUBROVNIK TOOK PLACE THE “LOCAL EVENT”, IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EUROPEAN PROJECT 4 PILLARS, CO-FINANCED BY IPA ADRIATIC CBC PROGRAMME, IN THE FORM OF A “FLAGSHIP CITIZENS DIALOGUE”. TARGET AUDIENCE WERE CITIZENS FROM THE REGION, STUDENTS, YOUNG PEOPLE, REPRESENTATIVES FROM ACADEMIA, NGO’S, LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES, BUSINESS SECTOR. UPON THE INITIATIVE AND INVITATION OF NIKOLA DOBROSLAVIĆ - PRESIDENT OF THE DUBROVNIK-NERETVA REGION IN CROATIA, HEAD OF CROATIAN DELEGATION AND AN EPP-COR MEMBER, THE EVENT HAS BEEN COMBINED WITH AN EXTERNAL MEETING OF EPP GROUP IN DUBROVNIK, WITH THE LEAD OF EPP-COR PRESIDENT MICHAEL SCHNEIDER, ENTITLED “THE ROLE OF THE EU STRATEGY FOR THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN REGIONS (EUSAIR) IN INCREASING PROSPERITY AND SECURITY IN EUROPE”.

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## CONFERENCE: “GENDER-RELATED VULNERABILITIES IN THE EU ASYLUM PROCEDURES: SPOTLIGHT ON FGM”

BRUSSELS, 8 NOVEMBER 2016

ON 8TH OF NOVEMBER, THE END FGM EUROPEAN NETWORK ORGANISED A CONFERENCE ON FGM IN THE EU ASYLUM PROCEDURES. FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM) IS A GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION WHICH ALSO EXISTS IN EUROPE. THE LATEST UNICEF STATISTICS, PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY 2016, ESTIMATE THAT AT LEAST 200 MILLION WOMEN AND GIRLS IN OVER 30 COUNTRIES ARE LIVING WITH THE LIFELONG CONSEQUENCES OF FGM.

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## 4PILLARS LOCAL EVENTS ORGANIZED BY EMILIA ROMAGNA REGION (IT)

RIMINI, 8-11 NOVEMBER 2016

THE ETA-BETA COOPERATIVE ON BEHALF OF THE EMILIA ROMAGNA REGIONAL GOVERNMENT ORGANISED A MEETING BETWEEN TECHNICIANS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COASTAL MUNICIPALITIES OF THE EMILIA-ROMAGNA TO ANALYSE THE LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC BIKE-SHARING IN THESE TOWNS FOR CITIZENS AND TOURISTS. THIS WAS THE THEME OF THE MEETING STAGED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, AT THE PAVILION OF THE EMILIA ROMAGNA AT ECOMONDO EXPO IN RIMINI (IT), FOR THE EUROPEAN PROJECT “4PILLARS: FOR PROMOTING AN INNOVATIVE MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE SYSTEM OF EUSAIR”.

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## ROUND TABLE ON BLUE GROWTH AND MARITIME COOPERATION

HERAKLION (CRETE), 16 NOVEMBER 2016

THE ADRIATIC IONIAN INITIATIVE (AII) ROUND TABLE ON BLUE GROWTH AND MARITIME COOPERATION TOOK PLACE ON 16TH NOVEMBER IN HERAKLION (CRETE). ACCORDING TO THE OVERHAUL OF AII RTs, THE MEETING SHALL BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHO WILL BE ABLE TO SEND THEIR PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECTLY TO THE EUSAIR THEMATIC STEERING GROUP OF PILLAR I (BLUE GROWTH).

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## 4PILLARS MEETING AND CONFERENCE ON “ECO-SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLEAN, THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE ABILITY TO CREATE A TRANSNATIONAL DISTRICT IN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IN NORTHERN ALBANIA”

SHKODËR (ALBANIA), 17 NOVEMBER 2016

ON 17TH NOVEMBER, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF SHKODER ORGANISED THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ENTITLED “ECO-SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLEAN, THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE ABILITY TO CREATE A TRANSNATIONAL DISTRICT IN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IN NORTHERN ALBANIA”. THE CONFERENCE WAS ADDRESSED TO IMPORTANT REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE ADRIATIC IONIAN EUROREGION, CONFERENCE OF PERIPHERAL MARITIME REGIONS (CPMR), MUNICIPALITIES OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND CROSS-BORDER INSTITUTIONS, LOCAL AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY. THE AIM OF THE CONFERENCE WAS TO SHARE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ADRIATIC IONIAN MACROREGION AND DISCUSS ON FORTHCOMING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF SHKODER’S REGION FOR THE COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT OF AGRO-TOURISM, AS A TOOL FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONS OF THE ADRIATIC IONIAN INITIATIVE (AII), IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION STRATEGY FOR THE ADRIATIC IONIAN REGION (EUSAIR), AND TO SHARE POSITIVE EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES IN TERMS OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE.

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## 4PILLARS LOCAL EVENT ORGANIZED BY EMILIA ROMAGNA REGION (IT) LESSON AT UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA (ECONOMICS OF TOURISM)

RIMINI, 17 NOVEMBER 2016

AS DISSEMINATION EVENT OF THE EUROPEAN PROJECT 4 PILLARS, THE COOPERATIVE ETA BETA ON BEHALF OF EMILIA ROMAGNA REGION, PARTNER OF THE PROJECT, ORGANISED AN EVENT AT UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA (IT). IN THE MORNING OF THE 17TH OF NOVEMBER TWO EXPERTS APPOINTED BY THE EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGION (MR. G.PASI AND MR. A.MAZZOTTI) CARRIED OUT AN OPEN LECTURE FOR 80 STUDENTS AT THE FACULTY ECONOMICS OF TOURISM IN RIMINI (IT). AFTER THE INTRODUCTION OF PROF. A.MARIOTTI, THE LECTURES, MR.PASI AND MR.MAZZOTTI SPOKE ABOUT HOW THE EUROPEAN





PROJECT WAS BORN AND HOW IT DEVELOPS; AFTER THE FIRST PART OF THIS LESSON, THEY EXPLAINED THE OBJECTIVES AND THE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY THE INTERMODAL PROJECT, CLOSED IN THE MONTH OF MARCH 2016 – AND CAPITALIZED BY 4PILLARS PROJECT - AND HOW THESE RESULTS REPRESENTED THE STARTING POINT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE “CAPITALIZATION” PROJECT. FINALLY, THEY EMPHASIZED THE OBJECTIVES OF 4PILLARS PROJECT. AT THE END OF THIS LESSON THE STUDENTS ADDRESSED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE THEMES AND THE STAKEHOLDERS OF THE PROJECT, AND ABOUT THE OUTPUTS AND RESULTS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

## WORKSHOP: WESTERN BALKAN TRANSPORT NETWORK IN THE CONTEXT OF EUSAIR STRATEGY

SARAJEVO, 21 NOVEMBER 2016

THE FACULTY OF TRAFFIC AND COMMUNICATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO (BH) HAS ORGANISED THIS WORKSHOP, AS 4PILLARS PROJECT’S PARTNER, TO DISSEMINATE RELEVANT INFORMATIONS ABOUT THE EUSAIR STRATEGY AND THE PROJECT’S ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS. THE AGENDA WAS AIMED TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING MAIN GOALS THROUGH THESE DIFFERENT SECTIONS: 1) 4PILLARS PROJECT’S ACTIVITIES; 2) BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA’S POSSIBILITIES IN EUROPEAN FUNDS (2014- 2020) SECTOR OF TRANSPORT; 3) STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENTS OF RAIL - ROAD TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE; 4) BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ON THE EUSAIR TRACK.

## 4PILLARS LOCAL WORKSHOP AT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY

PIRAN (SLOVENIA), 21 NOVEMBER 2016

THE PRESENTATIONS OF GOOD PRACTICES OF THE NAMED PROJECTS WHILE THINKING ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS THAT ARE NEEDED FOR THE FUTURE WERE THE MAIN TOPICS OF TODAY’S MEETING OF RELEVANT EXPERTS AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY, MARINE BIOLOGY STATION. PROJECTS 4 PILLARS AND ADRIATIC+ ARE CO-FUNDED WITHIN THE ADRIATIC CBC IPA 2007-2013 AND ARE MADE FOR TRANSFERRING THE GOOD ESTABLISHED PRACTICES FROM OTHER PROJECTS: NETCET, SHAPE, DEFISHGEAR, HAZADR, BALMAS IN SPEEDY. THOSE PROJECTS ARE CONNECTED WITH THE SEA ENVIRONMENT WITH THE AIM TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SEA AND COSTAL LIFE ENVIRONMENT.

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## 4 PILLARS: “COMMUNICATE EUSAIR” INTERNATIONAL FINAL CONFERENCE OF THE PROJECT

CAMPOBASSO, 24 NOVEMBER 2016

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “COMMUNICATE EUSAIR” WAS HELD IN CAMPOBASSO (ITALY) ON 24 NOVEMBER 2016 AT THE “SALA PARLAMENTINO” IN MOLISE REGION PREMISES. IT HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY MOLISE REGION, LEAD BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT 4PILLARS: FOR PROMOTING AN INNOVATIVE MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE SYSTEM OF EUSAIR GRANTED BY IPA ADRIATIC CBC PROGRAMME 2007-2013. THE MAIN GOAL OF THIS EVENT WAS TO PROMOTE DIFFERENT TYPES OF



COMMUNICATION METHODS FOR INFORMING ABOUT THE EUROPEAN UNION STRATEGY FOR THE ADRIATIC IONIAN REGION (EUSAIR). OVER 120 PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, AS FINAL EVENT OF THE PROJECT 4 PILLARS.

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## INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

25 NOVEMBER 2016

THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ON 25 NOVEMBER. THIS IS AN OCCASION FOR GOVERNMENTS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST PERVERSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. IT HAPPENS EVERY DAY, IN EVERY REGION, COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY ON THE PLANET, SOMETIMES IN PLAIN SIGHT. ONE IN THREE WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE IN THEIR LIFETIME, OFTEN IN THE HANDS OF SOMEONE THEY KNOW, LOVE AND TRUST.

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## SAVE THE DATE: EUROPEAN TOURISM DAY

BRUSSELS, 29 NOVEMBER 2016

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION IS ORGANISING THE 2016 EDITION OF THE EUROPEAN TOURISM DAY IN BRUSSELS ON 29 NOVEMBER 2016. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "ENHANCING SYNERGIES BETWEEN TOURISM AND CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES. INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AS THE DRIVER FOR JOBS AND GROWTH".

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## SAVE THE DATE: WORKSHOP 4PILLARS PROJECT

RAVENNA, 30 NOVEMBER 2016

THE FUTURE OF TOURISM ON THE ADRIATIC COAST NEEDS TO ADAPT TO MODERN METHODS AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY: SOME HAVE ALREADY BEGUN, BUT WHICH MUST NOW BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SYSTEM. THIS WILL ADDRESS THE SEMINAR SCHEDULED ON 30TH NOVEMBER IN RAVENNA, ENTITLED "PER UNA RIVIERA MOBILE E ACCESSIBILE". THE APPOINTMENT, SCHEDULED AT 11:00 AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE RAVENNA'S PROVINCE, WILL BE AN IMPORTANT STEP TO HELP EXPLOIT THE ADRIATIC TOURISM THROUGH SUSTAINABLE MODES AND INTERMODALITY "SWEET", OPENING UP NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO THE TOURIST TRANSPORT TO MOVE COMFORTABLY (AND VIRTUALLY) ON THE COAST. THE PARTICIPATION OF INSTITUTIONS, OPERATORS AND CITIZENS WILL BE IMPORTANT TO SHARE THE PLANNING AND ACTIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED.