AGENDA

EUSAIR4YOUTH

Final Conference

AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA

Universiteti Bujqesor i Tiranes

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17 January 2023, 10:00 – 12:00 a.m.

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The overall project objective is to reinforce the sense of Adriatic-Ionian Community thanks to the empowerment of cities, youth, universities and organisations from EUSAIR countries.

In particular, the specific objectives of the project are:

- Strengthening the role played by **Sport in social inclusion and cohesion** within the Adriatic-Ionian Region through the organisation of a sport event for young people coming from 9 EUSAIR countries;
- Strengthening the role played by **youth in shaping the future** of the Adriatic-Ionian Region through the organisation of an open competition among groups of students from different EU and Western Balkan universities.

The project **EUSAIR 4 Youth** originated from the need of stimulating the **participation of youth** in EU activities by developing their understanding and awareness of the EU policy making process, with a specific focus on the European Union Strategy for Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR). Through the project, the young people of the Region have had the opportunity to meet during a sport competition, to express their recommendations to policy makers and to make their voice heard on what needs to change to tackle the challenges of their future.

Their involvement and contribution as the main drivers of the society, is the main objective of this project. The young ambassadors through the project will strengthen cultural understanding, social cohesion, dialogue, social inclusion, awareness of EU policy making process and interregional cooperation.

***Moderator*: Ms. Silvia Mangialardo,** *Head of International Relations Office at Marche Polytechnic University and UniAdrion Senior Advisor*

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTION: "EUSAIR 4 YOUTH", *10:00 – 10:30*

- **Mr. Fatbardh Sallaku,** *Former President of UniAdrion, Rector of Agricultural University of Tirana*
- **Jusuf Durakovic**, *President of UniAdrion, Rector of University of Zenica*
- **Massimo Seri,** *Mayor of Municipality Fano, FAIC President (video recording)*
- **Emiriana Sako**, *Mayor of Municipality of Durrës*
- **Gilles Kittel**, *Team Leader – Instrument for Pre-Accession, Enlargement Negotiations and EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) – DG REGIO*

ACTIONS OF THE "EUSAIR4YOUTH" PROJECT, *10:30 – 12:00*

YOUTH SHAPING THE FUTURE of the Adriatic-Ionian Region: Opportunities and Challenges, *10:30 – 10:50*

- **Giada Trucco**, *Communications Officer - Strategic Communication for Western Balkans and Turkey, European Commission, DG NEAR*
- **Ivan Neirotti**, *Project Officer - European Youth Capital*
- **Milan Stojanovic**, *Regional Board member of the Western Balkans Alumni Association (WBAA)*

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EUSAIR 4 YOUTH Project, Action 1, EUSAIR Inclusion Through Sport, *10:50 – 11:15*

This action capitalises on the Adriatic Ionian Games for Social Inclusion sport event that took place in September 2019 in Ancona, organised by the Municipality of Ancona with support of FAIC and financed by the ERASMUS+ Programme. This action has aimed at raising awareness among the young generations about the added values of the EUSAIR and at reinforcing the sense of Adriatic-Ionian Community through the organisation of a sport event for young people, hosted by Durrës Municipality, in September 2022.

In order to achieve the objective, the power of sport has been used as a tool to reinforce the spirit of cohesion and sense of community and belonging to the Adriatic-Ionian region among youth. Furthermore, the event aimed at promoting peace, tolerance and understanding, for development of solidarity and improvement of social cohesion.

Floreta Kertusha, *Head of Unit European Integration, Foreign Assistance and Diaspora, Durrës Municipality*

- ★ General overview of EUSAIR 4 YOUTH Action 1
- ★ Participants sharing their experience and stories

EUSAIR 4 YOUTH Project, Action 2, EUSAIR Paper Competition, *11:15 – 12:00*

This action was aimed at raising awareness among young people of the Adriatic-Ionian region, by training them on "EUSAIR and EU opportunities" and it was managed by UniAdrion, Association of Universities of the Adriatic and Ionian Region. It is composed by three sub-actions:

- ➔ Action 2.1: Online intensive training course on "EUSAIR and EU opportunities" (June 2022): EUSAIR Intensive training course focused on international mobility and volunteering for young

people. Each lesson was an "information capsule" on the "New Europe: Eastern and South-Eastern Europe", on the efforts made by the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative, a focus on the three FORA of the civil society, main stakeholders of the EUSAIR.

➔ Action 2.2: "EUSAIR Academy Youth Contest: How can young people (better) contribute to EUSAIR?": The "EUSAIR ACADEMY YOUTH CONTEST" aimed at involving and stimulating the participation of undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students in EU activities by developing their understanding and awareness of the EU policy making process, with a specific focus on EUSAIR.

➔ Action 2.3: Brussels' week: The best 10 ideas by EUSAIR ACADEMY YOUTH CONTEST were selected to spend a week in Brussels (October 2022), to attend the 20th European Week of Regions and Cities, formal and unconventional training at the European Commission, DG REGIO, DG NEAR, Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU, visiting the European Parliament, the Council and the Parlamentarium.

Fabiana Di Tullio, *Technical Administrative Assistant, UniAdrion*

- ★ General overview of EUSAIR 4 YOUTH Action 2
- ★ Participants sharing their experience and stories

Ms. Silvia Mangialardo, *Head of International Relations Office at Marche Polytechnic University and UniAdrion Senior Advisor*

CONCLUDING REMARKS, *12:00 - 12:15*

- ★ Award ceremony of winner's team

A networking Light lunch will be offered to all the participants

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