



Slovenian
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20-21

6th Forum

of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region
Along the coasts of the shared sea
Izola, 11-12 May 2021

On-line Forum Programme

WARMING UP

Monday, 10 May 2021

The day before the forum, a virtual platform will be available with a presentation of projects, incentives and programs. All registered participants will receive a link on Friday, 7 May 2021. The virtual market will be officially opened on Monday, 10 May 2021 at 12.00.

12.00-14.00

NETWORKING AT THE VIRTUAL MARKET

Participants are welcome to visit virtual stands any time throughout the Forum and book a meeting with an exhibitor if interested. The virtual market also offers the opportunity for chatting and exchange of opinions with other participants.



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DAY 1

Tuesday, 11 May 2021

- From 8.00 Check-in
- 08.15–09.00 NETWORKING AT THE VIRTUAL MARKET
Visit virtual exhibition stands, chat with other participants.
- 09.00–10.30 **Pillar II *Connecting the region* session** (Transport sub-group)
Green and Smart transport solutions connecting the Adriatic and Ionian Region
- 09.30–10.30 **6th ADRIATIC AND IONIAN COUNCIL / EUSAIR MINISTERIAL MEETING**
Closed door
- 10.30–11.00 Press Conference
- 11.15–12.00 **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 6th FORUM**
Welcome address: **Danilo Markočič**, Mayor of the Municipality of Izola
- Opening addresses:
- **Anže Logar**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
 - **Zvonko Černač**, Minister without portfolio, competent for development and the EU cohesion policy, Republic of Slovenia
 - **Elisa Ferreira**, EU Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
 - **Mariya Gabriel**, EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth (TBC)
- Cultural Program: **Rudi Bučar & Frčafele**
Moderator: Igor E. Bergant
- 12.00–13.30 **THE FUTURE OF THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN REGION**
Inspirational Dialogue
- **Lučka Kajfež Bogataj**, 2007 Joint Recipient of Nobel Peace Prize
 - **Boštjan Videmšek**, European Climate Pact Ambassador, author of *Plan B: How Not to Lose Hope in the Times of Climate Crisis*

Is climate change and environmental degradation an existential threat to Europe and the world?
There is no Planet B, but can we have a Plan B? Can local and regional work also for the global?

Ministerial Round Table

Regional research and innovation, networking and clustering for blue growth, sustainable seafood and food production and consumption, improved sea basin governance, maritime safety and security, interconnected sustainable energy market, good environmental and ecological status, halting the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of ecosystem services, reduced waste flows, diversification of tourism products and services ... With all these objectives, how can EUSAIR contribute to a new EU growth model through smart and green recovery?

Moderator: Igor E. Bergant

13.30-14.30

LUNCH BREAK
NETWORKING AT THE VIRTUAL MARKET
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14.30-15.50

TOWARDS A GREEN AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN REGION Panel discussion

- **Peter Grk**, Western Balkan Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Slovenia
- **Ladeja Godina Košir**, Chair of the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform
- **Tomaž Rodič**, Director, Centre of Excellence for Space Sciences and Technologies *Space-SI*
- Representative of the European Commission

Europe new growth strategy plans to make the EU's economy sustainable by turning climate and environmental challenges into opportunities and making the transition fair and inclusive for all. How can we contribute? How are challenges seen from above, how does EUSAIR look from the air? What can we learn from that, what opportunities are there and what good practices can be shared?

Moderator: Bernarda Žarn

15.50-16.00

COFFEE BREAK
NETWORKING AT THE VIRTUAL MARKET
Visit virtual exhibition stands, chat with other participants.

16.00-17.30

Pillar I *Blue Growth* Session *Sustainable Strategies for Blue Growth and Innovation*

DAY 2

Wednesday, 12 May 2021

- 08.00–09.00 NETWORKING AT THE VIRTUAL MARKET
Visit virtual exhibition stands, chat with other participants.
- 09.00–10.30 **Pillar III Environmental Quality session**
Sustainable Use of Coastal & Marine Resources for a Healthy Future through Green and Smart Recovery
- 10.30–12.00 **Pillar IV Sustainable Tourism session**
From Crisis to Recovery through Transnational Tourism Projects Aiming at a Sustainable Green Macro-region
- 12.00–13.00 LUNCH BREAK
NETWORKING AT THE VIRTUAL MARKET
Visit virtual exhibition stands, chat with other participants.
- 13.00–14.30 **EUSAIR Pillar II Connecting the region session** (Energy Networks sub-group)
*Enhanced Cooperation for Green Energy Recovery and Resilience in the EUSAIR:
Focus on Smart Grids and Hydrogen*
- 14.30–15.15 **AWARD CEREMONY**
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| Windmills of Excellence
The awardees will be announced by Andreja Jerina , National Coordinator for Macro-regional Strategies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Slovenia, and Danilo Markočič , Mayor of the Municipality of Izola. | Young POPRI Award
The awardees will be announced by Tomaž Kostanjevec , CEO of SPIRIT Slovenia, and Tanja Kožuh , CEO of Primorski tehnološki park. |
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- 15.15–16.00 **PLENARY CLOSING SESSION**
- **Monika Kirbiš Rojs**, State Secretary, Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy, Republic of Slovenia
 - **Jean-Pierre Halkin**, Head of Unit Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional Cooperation, IPA, Enlargement, European Commission
 - Handover of the Chairmanship to Albania
- Cultural Program: **Luka Šulić**
Moderator: Igor E. Bergant
- 16.00–18.00 INTERREG V-B ADRION SPECIAL EVENT
*ADRION as a driver for the innovation ecosystem of the Adriatic-Ionian area.
The importance of S3 for the enlargement process and best practices funded by the Program.*



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FORUM SIDE EVENTS

5 May

Many Generations – One Future

<https://www.adriatic-ionian.eu/event/6th-annual-eusair-forum/side-event-many-generations-one-future/>

11 May

10.00–19.00

B2B sessions

<https://www.adriatic-ionian.eu/event/6th-annual-eusair-forum/side-event-b2b/>

14.00–18.00

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Youth Business Model Competition (closed event)

<https://www.adriatic-ionian.eu/event/6th-annual-eusair-forum/side-events/>

12 May

11.00–12.30

EUSAIR POPRI

Students Meet Entrepreneurs

<https://www.adriatic-ionian.eu/event/6th-annual-eusair-forum/side-events/>

16.00–18.00

Adriatic-Ionian Initiative Round Table

Women in Business and Management

17.30–18.00

Installation of a High Water Tablet

Primary school students from Koper and Piran have launched a campaign to record the highest sea levels during flood season. To increase awareness of the devastating effects of rising sea and water levels, six renovated warning signs at six locations by the coast will remain as the legacy of the 6th Forum.

<https://www.adriatic-ionian.eu/event/6th-annual-eusair-forum/side-event-installation-of-a-high-water-tablet/>

This version of the program is a draft version from 13 April 2021.

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