

ADRIATIC IONIAN Youth Organisations FORUM⁵

ADRIATIC IONIAN YOUTH BRING FORWARD THEIR IDEAS FOR A BETTER YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN THE EUSAIR

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Duration: 90 minutes

Venue: Hotel Holiday, Sarajevo Zmaja od Bosne 4,
Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Hybrid event

Working languages: English

Background – The **V Adriatic Ionian Youth Organisations Forum (AIYOF5)**, organised by Adriatic Ionian Euroregion (AIE) in collaboration with the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions (CRPM – Coordinator) as part of the [AI-NURECC PLUS](#) Initiative, will take place during the 8th Forum of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region.

The **AIYOF5** will be powered by the Adriatic Ionian Youth Network (**AIYN**), an open network promoted by the Adriatic Ionian Euroregion and several Adriatic Ionian Youth Organisations with a view to boost youth engagement in the EUSAIR, stimulating youth to take ownership of its objectives and appropriation of its opportunities, as to propose, structure, design and implement youth-led engagement, advocacy, awareness raising and capacity building actions.

The Forum will allow Youth Organisations forming part of the **AIYN** to meet EUSAIR decision-making structures and, together, explore ways and means of promoting a greater role of youth in the Strategy.

Target audience – Delegates from Adriatic Ionian youth-led and youth-focused organisations and networks, as well as youth advocates and other youth stakeholders, youth workers, young professionals, young academics and students. EU institutions, Macroregional actors and stakeholders, civil society organisations and citizens.

AGENDA

09:15-09:30 **On-site REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

09:30-09:50 **INTRODUCTION**

- *Welcome address* by Mr Midhat DŽEMIĆ, Directorate for European Integration of Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, EUSAIR National Coordinator, Bosnian EUSAIR Presidency
- Mr Gilles KITTEL, Team Manager - Instrument for Pre-Accession, Enlargement Negotiation and EUSAIR, DG REGIO (EC) – TBC
- Mr Stavros KALOGNOMOS, Executive Secretary of the Balkan & Black Sea Commission of the CPMR, AI-NURECC PLUS Coordinator

09:50 – 10:45 **NETWORKING TALKS AMONG YOUTH ORGANISATIONS OF THE AIYN**

- Ms Milena PALLOTTA, Giovanichimere and Adriatic Ionian Youth Network, and Mr Milan STOJANOVIC, WBAA Board Member and Project Manager

Ms Pallotta and Mr Stojanovic will lead the AIYN members in presenting their ideas and jointly discuss the assets, needs and expectations of Adriatic Ionian Youth to bring forward their proposals for improving and speeding up the processes that can lead to a greater youth engagement in the EUSAIR.

10:45 – 11:00 **Q&A SESSION BETWEEN AIYN AND EUSAIR REPRESENTATIVES**

The Q&A session will aim at collecting feedback from EUSAIR Representatives regarding the ways and means of a greater youth engagement in the Strategy, also by identifying possible legal, administrative and financial barriers to their participation to the decision-making.

- Mr Gilles KITTEL, Team Manager - Instrument for Pre-Accession, Enlargement Negotiation and EUSAIR, DG REGIO (EC) – TBC
 - Mr Midhat DŽEMIĆ, EUSAIR National Coordinator for Bosnia Herzegovina
 - Mr Luka VUJNOVIĆ, EUSAIR National Coordination Team, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia
 - Ms Simona MAMELI, Consular officer for regional cooperation in SEE, Western Balkan Unit, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs ([online](#))
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- *Conclusions and future steps*, Ms Maria Luisa ESPOSITO, AIE EU Project Officer

The event will be moderated by Ms. Maria Luisa ESPOSITO, AIE EU Project Officer

