









A new approach for the Stakeholder consultation: Data analysis and network of academic experts

In cooperation with







The 3 FORA of the civil society in the Adriatic-Ionian region







Association of Universities of the Adriatic and Ionian area

Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce

Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Cities

(49 Universities)

(40 Chambers of Commerce)

(44 Cities)

The 3 Fora operate in the EUSAIR area to strengthen the international cooperation, to develop the economic, social, environmental, and cultural integration and <u>have been recognized as main stakeholders of the area</u>

The Fora group developed all the activities **under the «umbrella» of the EUSAIR Facility Point**, the 3 FORA collaborated to:

- **Development** of the «Fora EUSAIR Database»
 - 2 Qualitative analysis enrichment of the «Fora Database» with Scopus database
 - 3 Survey on INTERREG and EUSAIR topics
 - Database Consultation for the identification of experts

 > from affiliations to people and Focus groups

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Development of the «EUSAIR Fora Database»



Creation of the <u>Fora EUSAIR</u> Database Under the supervision of Facility Point and Dept. Of Cohesion Policies

(See DATA section on: etc-eusair-network.eu/data)

4-Phase working method

Phase 1:
Collect
Interreg
projects
and identify
Fora
members'
projects
(keep
sources)

Phase 2:
Identify
keywords of
each EUSAIR
Pillar/Crosscutting Issue

According to the EUSAIR Action Plan/TSGs priorities Phase 3:

Match
projects with
EUSAIR
Pillars/Crosscutting Issues
keywords
have been
searched in
the projects'
description,
objectives

Phase 4:

Map institutions' expertise for every country in each Pillar/Crosscutting Issue to create Thematic Working Groups of the EUSAIR Pillars



Comprehensive map of institutions (associated to the three Fora) involved in Interreg projects divided per EUSAIR pillar/cross-cutting issue

Qualitative analysis of the «Fora Database»

SCOPUS AND DATA ANALYSIS





https://www.scopus.com

Example from qualitative consultation of database University of Belgrade

Pillar 2 - Connecting the region (Energy networks)

3 projects → total budget: 6.348.884,11 €

Source: «Fora database»

Publications → 1903

Source: **Scopus** filtered according to database results

Pillar 3 – Environmental quality

3 projects → total budget: 5.268.229,63 €

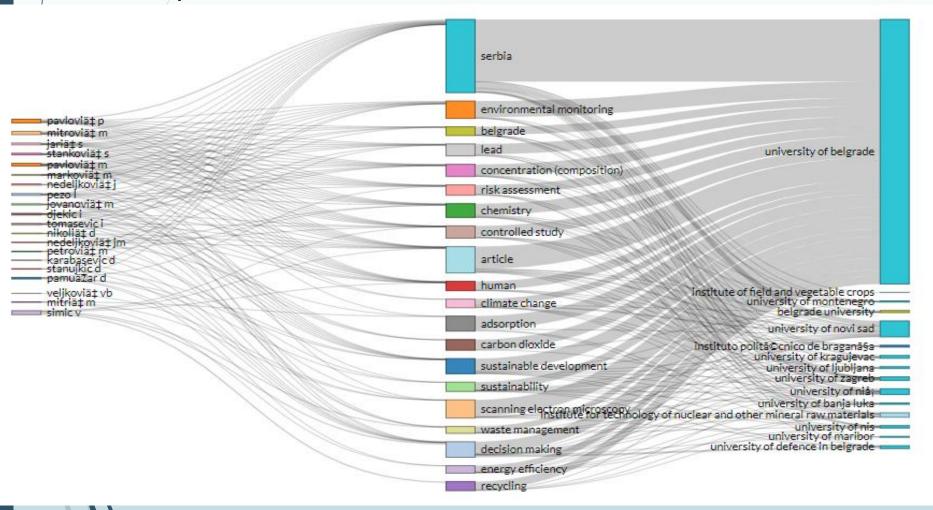
Source: «Fora database»

Publications → 3342

Source: **Scopus** filtered according to database results

Three-fields plot Authors – Topics – Affiliations

Keyword → ENVIROMENTAL QUALITY



Survey on INTERREG Programmes and EUSAIR 2021-2027



Survey on Interreg Programs and EUSAIR 2021-2027

December 2020

Designed to involve the main stakeholders of the Adriatic Ionian Region, starting from the members of the three Fora, in the <u>consultation</u> of the new European Territorial Cooperation Programmes 2021-2027

Focus on EUSAIR Pillars as well as the key priorities identified by EUSAIR Governance (<u>Flagships</u>) to be embedded into the IPA/ESIF programming documents

The survey had the main objective of gathering the opinions of experts who:

participated in projects funded under the INTERREG programs in the period 20142020, both as leaders and as project partners

submitted
projects under
INTERREG
programs in the
2014-2020
period, but
received
no funding

any project under the INTERREG programs in the period 2014-2020.

Why didn't you participate in INTERREG projects?

- Lack of resources
- Lack of time to dedicate to projects



Which tools could lead you to a greater awareness and better achievement of political objectives?

- 67.72%

 meetings for the exchange of best practices
- 59.06% → permanent <u>exchange platform</u> for materials and best practices
- 52.76% → <u>training activities</u> for public administration officers
- 51.97% → focus groups with experts

What are the main interests area for the future 2021 – 2027 programming period?

Following the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, according to experts, the sectors that need to be restored the most are:



- 4. Blue Growth
- 5. Energy

Should cooperation in the EUSAIR be enlarged to other sectors?

20%

No, cooperation on the 4 EUSAIR Pillars is enough

-/15% → Healthcare

- 16,67% → Migration

- 10,00% → Safety and security

- 38,33% → Digitization

On the basis of the survey, 3 Focus Groups have been organized:

1	Sustainable Tourism	28 June 2021, 5.00 pm
2	A Greener and More Connected Europe	30 June 2021, 10.30 am
	Innovative and Intelligent Economic Transformation	30 June 2021, 3.00 pm



Consultation of «Fora Database» for the identification of experts

from affiliations to people



How were experts selected to be part of these 3 FOCUS GROUPS?

- Creation of a list of projects <u>relevant for the topics of the focus groups</u> through keywords as «sustainable tourism», «connectivity», «transport», «innovation», «digitization», etc... and through keywords deriving from <u>EUSAIR Flagships</u> → identification of people involved in the projects
- 2. Search for <u>companies</u> thet were involved in the projects or that benefited from the projects results
- 3. Search for <u>further experts</u> on EUSAIR Flagships by interrogating Scopus

Main Key findings from Adriatic Fora's focus groups

Digitalisation and the use of **key enabling technologies in the tourism sector**

Digital Innovation Hubs and **Artificial Intelligence**.

horizontal and cooperative education workshops (addressed to local stakeholders) to create a very structured marketing strategy for tourism promotion

Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) related to transport and mobility and more prepared about "green" technologies and solutions for maritime mobility (e. g. maritime green vessels).

Training and capacity building activities addressed to policy makers in order to raise awareness on benefits about innovative solutions applied to transports and mobility.

Training programmes with local universities involving tourism, hospitality restaurant associations

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