

## Embedding EU macro-regional strategies/sea-basin strategies: focus on implementation

30 June 2022

Online

Day one

Thursday, 30 June 2022

13.30 – 14.00

Online check-in

14.00 – 14.05

**Welcome to the meeting, introduction**

*Ms Ilze Ciganska, Interact*

14.05 – 14.25

**Opening remarks**

*Mr Sławomir Tokarski, Director for European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-regions, Interreg and Programme Implementation I, DG REGIO, European Commission*

*Mr Christos Economou, Head of Unit of Sea-basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security and Acting Director of Directorate A on Maritime Policy and Blue economy, DG MARE, European Commission*

*Mr Loris Di Pietrantonio, Head of Unit of European Social Fund, DG EMPL, European Commission (tbc).*

*Ms Ana Pires, Acting Head of Unit of Thematic Support, Coordination of Policy and Financial Instruments - Coordination of financing instruments - performance, results and evaluation DG NEAR, European Commission*

14.25 – 14.30

**Overview of practices on embedding of EU macro-regional strategies/sea-basin strategies used in the 2014-2020 programming periods**

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14.30 – 14.35

**Innovation Express 2021 – a joint call between four regions of the Alpine, Danube and Baltic Sea macro-regions**

*Ms Judit Schrick, Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labour and Housing Baden Württemberg, Germany*

14.35 – 14.45

**Q&A**

14.45 – 15.10

**Panel discussion: embedding the EU macro-regions**

*EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region ERDF Managing Authorities networks, Mr Jan-Hendrik Kathmann, Land Brandenburg, Germany;*

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*EU Strategy for the Danube Region ESF Managing Authorities Network, Ms Claudia Singer, Coordinator of the EUSDR Priority Area 10 „Institutional Capacity and Cooperation“;*  
*EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region Financial Dialogue Meetings in IPA countries, Mr Milos Mugosa, Facility Point project partner for Montenegro;*  
*EU Strategy for the Alpine Region Financial Dialogue Networks, EUSALP Technical Support Structure representative*

**15.10 – 15:30**

### **Panel discussion: embedding the EU sea basins and fund alignment**

*Atlantic strategy: Embedding process – lessons learned from previous programming period, Ms Marta Pascual, Spanish National Hub;*  
*WestMed: Embedding process: challenges and achievements so far, Ms Monica Bellisario, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Department for Cohesion Policy, Italy - WestMed representative for Italy;*  
*Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea: National/regional programmes and Interreg NEXT Black Sea programme, Ms Alexandra Bogdan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania - Common Maritime Agenda National Coordinator for Romania*

**15.30 – 15.55**

### **Debate**

*All participants*

**15.55 – 16.00**

### **Closure**

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