



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA



EUSAIR

on sea topics from Slovenian perspective



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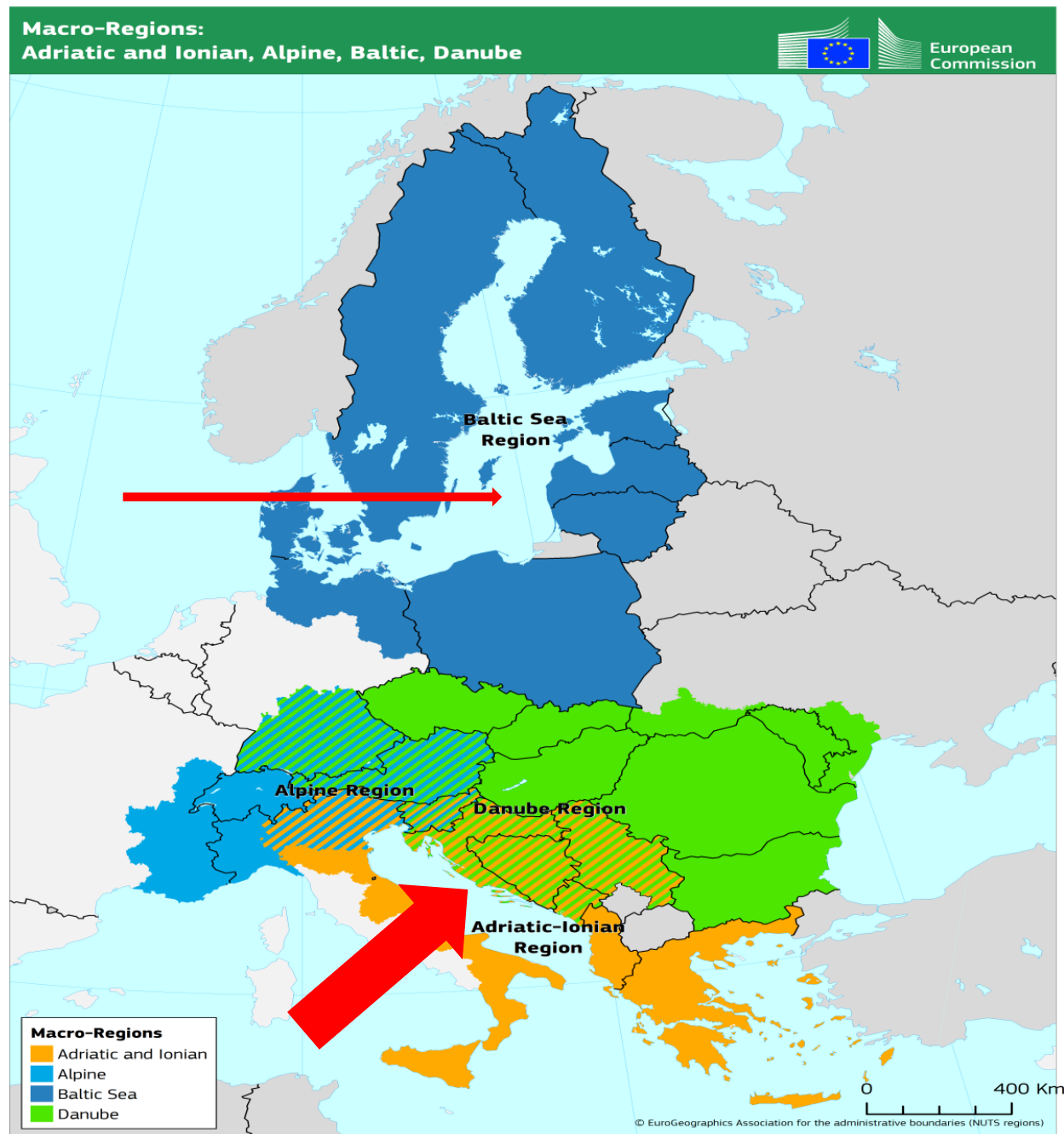
4 EU MRS:

- 270 millions of population
- 19 MS
- 12 non MS

Sea basin 2 MRS:

- EUSBR
- EUSAIR

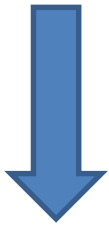
An **integrated framework** to address common challenges faced by a **defined geographical area** to benefit from **strengthened cooperation** contributing to the achievement of economic, social and territorial cohesion;



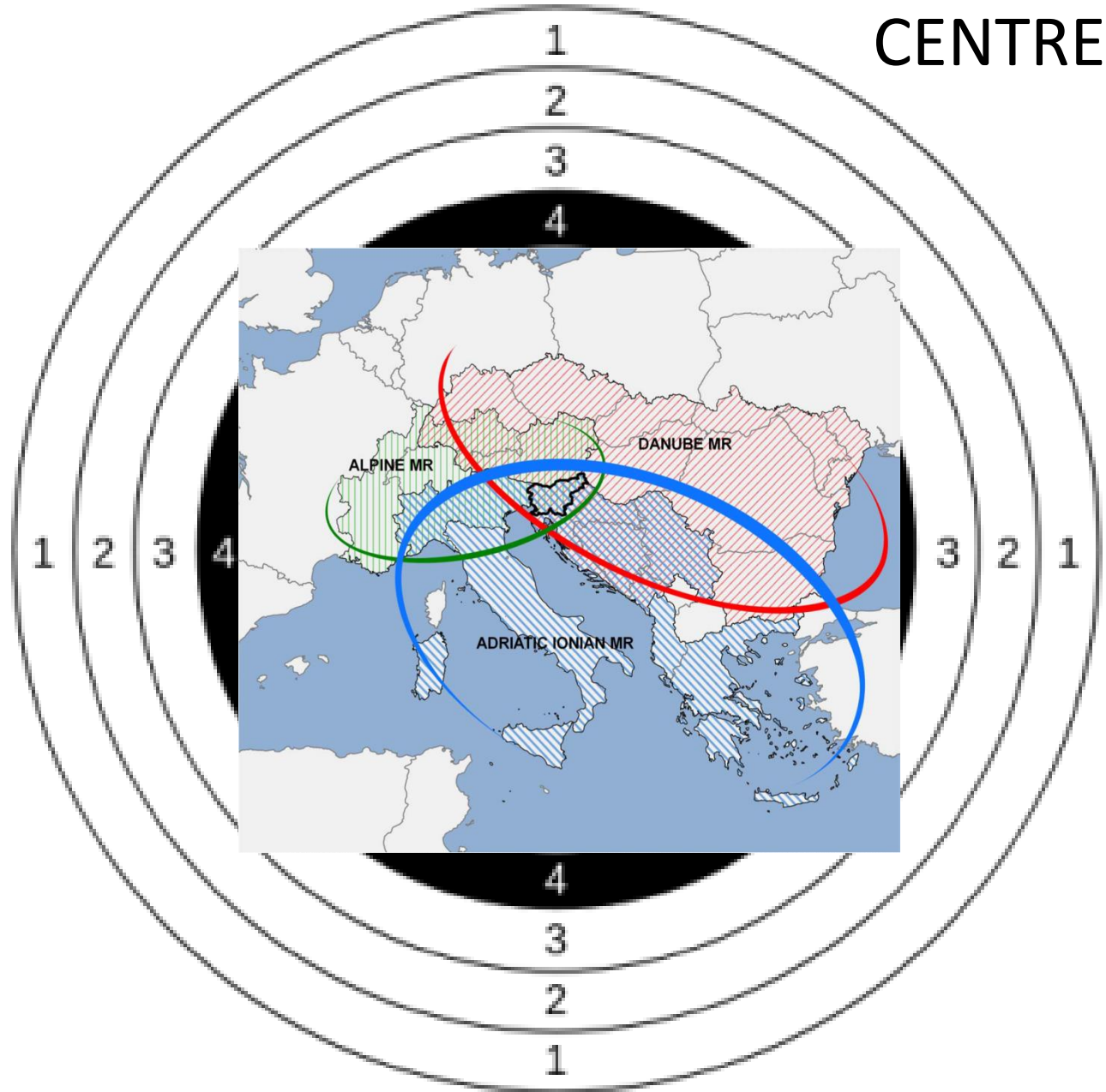


Unique position

GEOGRAPHICAL
OVERLAP



SYNERGIES



3 NO PRINCIPLE



NO new funds

NO new administrative structures

NO new legal acts

**BETTER USE OF EXISTING FUNDS,
STRUCTURES AND OPPORTUNITIES
ON THE GROUND – NEED FOR
COORDINATED APPROACH**

Two main challenges for the EU

VALUE ADDED

The aim of a macro-regional strategy is to mobilize new projects and initiatives, *creating a sense of common responsibility*;

They provide *regional building blocks* for EU-wide policy, *marshalling national approaches into more coherent EU-level implementation*;

COMMISSION REPORT ...
concerning the added value of macro-regional
strategies
{SWD(2013) 233 final}

GOVERNANCE

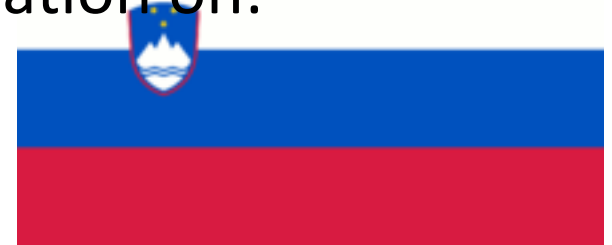
- ✓ *Stronger political leadership and decision making from countries and regions*
- ✓ *Greater clarity in the organization of work*
- ✓ *Cordination and sufficient resources*
- ✓ *Implementation support through Transnational Cooperation Programs*

COMMISSION REPORT ...
concerning the governance of macro-regional
strategies
COM(2014) 284 final; May 2014

HOW WE Define national interest

✓ Government adopts (2015) information on:

- What kind of actions
- How
- Who



is going to implement to address challenges of all 3 MRS.

- Information discussed in Parliament & GOV reports annually on progress achieved
- SI representatives in governance structure with Decision Making Capacity (Government mandate)
- 2017 on reporting part of national reporting on implementation of SI foreign policy -**NEW**

EUSAIR Pillar I - Blue Growth

PRIORITY ACTIONS	TOPIC
R&D platforms on green sea mobility, deep sea resources, bio-security and bio-technologies	Blue-technologies
Macro-Regional cluster development	
Scientific cooperation on fisheries and fish stocks	Sustainable and responsible tourism management
Diversification and profitability of fisheries and aquaculture	
R&D platform for seafood Ref. Ares(2015)5590570 - 04/12/2015	
Maritime Spatial Planning	Maritime Governance
Research, Innovation and SMEs development as a cross-cutting issue related to Pillar	<i>Cross-Cutting Issues</i>

EUSAIR Pillar II Transport

PRIORITY ACTIONS	TOPIC	
Improving and harmonizing traffic monitoring and management	<h2 data-bbox="1078 372 1663 434">Maritime transport</h2> <p data-bbox="1012 518 1727 753">Specific objective: To strengthen maritime safety and security and develop a competitive regional intermodal port system</p>	
Developing ports, optimizing port interfaces, infrastructures and procedures/operations		
Developing the Western Balkans transport network	<h2 data-bbox="1039 979 1702 1086">Intermodal connections to the hinterland</h2> <p data-bbox="967 1160 1773 1375"><i>Specific objective:</i> To develop reliable transport networks and intermodal connections with the hinterland, both for freight and passengers</p>	
Developing motorways of the sea		
Cross-border facilitation		

EUSAIR Pillar II Energy

Construction and establishment of a well-connected power system and well-functioning electricity market

Construction and establishment of an integrated natural gas infrastructure and a well-functioning gas market

Clean fuels for maritime transport and their logistics

Simplification of border-crossing procedures among Member Countries and non-UE Member Countries, while removing of barriers to investments by the definition of agreements and common rules

Development of joint lifelong learning, training tools and industrial partnerships

Energy Networks

Specific objective: To achieve a well-functioning internal energy market supporting: the three energy policy objectives of the EU: competitiveness, security of supply and sustainability

Cross-Cutting Issues

Specific objective: To improve the governance and build an efficient institutional and administrative capacity while promoting participation and partnerships

EUSAIR Pillar III Environmental Quality

PRIORITY ACTION	TOPIC
<p>Threat to coastal and marine biodiversity</p> <p>Increasing marine knowledge, with focus on maritime spatial planning (including interaction with the coast through integrated coastal zones management) and marine protected areas, also beyond territorial waters; enhancing the protection of marine species by local/regional/national networking.</p>	<p>The marine environment</p>
<p>Pollution of the sea</p> <p>Implementing a life cycle approach to marine litter (with focus on floating litter and micro-litter), supporting clean-up programmes in coordination with relevant stakeholders (i.e. fishery); addressing diffuse pollution sources (both land and maritime sources), also from agricultural practices, waste water and solid waste; drafting and implementation of a large-scale pollution Contingency Plan.</p>	
<p>Developing joint management plans for transboundary habitats and ecosystems and for managing population level of large carnivores.</p> <p>Protection and restoration of wetlands and karst fields relevant for the Adriatic Flyway</p>	<p>Transnational terrestrial habitats and biodiversity</p>

EUSAIR Pillar IV - Sustainable Tourism

PRIORITY ACTIONS	TOPICS
Development of sustainable and thematic routes	Diversified tourism offer
Fostering Adriatic – Ionian cultural heritage	
Training and skills in the field of tourism business (vocational and entrepreneurial skills)	Sustainable and responsible tourism management
Expanding the tourism season to all-year round	
Developing network of sustainable tourism business and clusters	
	<i>Cross-Cutting Issues</i>
Research, Innovation and SMEs development as a cross-cutting issue related to pillar IV	Research, Innovation and SMEs development as a cross-cutting issue related to pillar

HOW TO CREATE EUSAIR PROJECT?

Where TO with an idea	WHO	WHERE
	Stakeholders	To the Slovenian coordinator at the relevant ministry List on: http://www.mzz.gov.si/si/evropske_politike/makroregionalne_strategije_evropske_unije/
	Ministries	<p style="text-align: center;">To Steering Committee – mandated national representative to participate in the work of the SC</p>
	Foreign partners	Through their national representatives to the SC meeting





What do stakeholders get from MRS?



visibility

*As confirmation of recognized value added
for the (macro)region*

What do administrations get from MRS?

PLATFORM FOR:

- Interaction
- Co-ordination
- Networking
- Common understanding
- Common action



**COMMON ANSWERS TO
COMMON CHALLENGES**
**through multilevel governance
and stakeholders involvement**
**stronger position at Council
level**

(now: CC on MRS,
Integrated Maritime Policy and Blue
Growth)



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