

JOB DESCRIPTION: EUSAIR FP Pillar 1 Blue sustainable economy Thematic Expert in Montenegro

This document is part of the Facility Point Management Plan and can be amended by the partnership if necessary.

General roles and tasks include

The specific objectives for this Pillar are:

- To promote research, innovation and business opportunities in blue economy sectors, by facilitating the brain circulation between research and business communities and increasing their networking and clustering capacity.
- To adapt to sustainable seafood production and consumption, by developing common standards and approaches for strengthening these two sectors and providing a level playing field in the macro-region.
- To improve sea basin governance, by enhancing administrative and institutional capacities in the area of maritime governance and services.

To achieve the abovementioned objectives, Pillar 1 will focus on three topics:

Topic 1 – Blue technologies;

Topic 2 – Fisheries and aquaculture;

Topic 3 – Maritime and marine governance and services.

Pillar 1 is coordinated by Greece and Montenegro.

Thematic Steering Groups (TSGs) drive the Action Plan implementation work under their respective Pillars. Generally, there is one Thematic Steering Group formed per Pillar apart from Pillar 2, where there are two TSGs, Transport and Energy TSG respectively, which work in close coordination while sharing methodologies and procedures.

TSGs are in charge of proposing and consolidating (among participating countries, stakeholders and EC) the priorities and Actions under their Pillar in the Action Plan. In cooperation with the National Coordinators, stakeholders and supported by the EGP, they are also in charge of Action Plan implementation, on all governance levels (macro-regional, national, regional and local). This is done through policy coordination and consolidation processes followed by operational implementation achieved by engagement of relevant managing authorities and stakeholder partnerships/networks.

Members of Thematic Steering Groups in cooperation with the National Coordinators cooperate with responsible authorities (including managing authorities and NIPACs) at the appropriate level (national, regional, local, etc). They also cooperate with members of other Thematic Steering Groups on the operational level to achieve synergies and complementarities.

Thematic expert is hired to work along with the respective Pillar I Coordinator, in order to enhance the efficiency of organizational, administrative and operational activities within the Pillar I, the expert will work exclusively for the functions established under these Strategy and perform tasks under the Action Plan for Pillar I.

General objective:

- Thematic support to Pillar Coordinators (PC) and activities of the Thematic Steering Group (TSG) 1, on the Adriatic and Ionian macroregional level;

- Working in close cooperation with Pillar Coordinators, and with the other Thematic Experts from Greece, with Facility Point Project Partners (for administrative and organizational support to the Pillar topics, public procurements and reporting);
- Supporting Pillar Coordinators thematically in any eventual updates of the Action Plan and in preparation and updates of the Roadmap of Pillar Actions based on the revised Action Plan and Pillar Progress Reports, based on the methodology and requested data provided by the Monitoring Expert;
- Assist Pillar Coordinators in preparation of concepts for thematic events and sessions as well as supporting PCs in the preparatory work with speakers;
- Liaise with monitoring and evaluation experts engaged by Facility Point work package leaders and provide them with relevant information and most updated data on the activities performed and results achieved under the Pillar concerned. They also assist the monitoring and evaluation experts in further detailing the indicator system from the thematic point of view.

Specific objectives:

- providing relevant Pillar I Coordinator with administrative and operational support in his/her day-to-day activities (mail correspondence, participation in online meetings, preparation of draft of annual reports for the EUSAIR Governing Board, preparation of Power Point presentations and Word presentation, if any, for certain events organized within EUSAIR);
- liaise and cooperate with the expert supporting the fellow PC in the EU Member State Country relevant PC (coordination of obligations with the Pillar 1 Thematic expert from Greece, exchange of information on undertaken and completed activities);
- under the Action Plan of the Pillar I Coordinator and in cooperation with the fellow expert in the EU Member State: organise the work and support the activities of the TSG1: drafting programme and agenda, support documents, minutes, keep TSG documentation up to date, communication with TSG members, practical arrangements, liaise with Facility Point Project Partner for administrative and technical support for the organization of TSG meetings, including hoc meetings, seminars, work-shops, events (preparation of draft of all necessary documents and everything needed to hold TSG 1 meetings);
- Upon request of the PC, provide him/her with reports, briefings, researches, data on TSG related topics (preparation of reports for Negotiation Chapter 13 – Fisheries a related to activities within EUSAIR);
- Liaise with the TSG experts on monitoring and evaluation hired under the EUSAIR Facility Point strategic project in the EU Member States and provide him/her with relevant information and most updated data on the activities performed and results achieved under the Pillar concerned.

Specific thematic roles and tasks stemming from the thematic needs of the Pillar and its coordinators include (what expertise is needed to support the Pillar and its coordinators in the implementation of the Action Plan, for example dividing expertise according to the planned Topics):

1. To strengthen **blue and green technologies**, by promoting synergies and networking of regional relevant and useful research, development and innovation activities as well as supporting initiatives

and cooperation between regional innovation ecosystems, initiatives and smart specialization strategies.

2. To strengthen fisheries and aquaculture, through networking policy practices, business practices, research findings and other important assets (in maritime and lake environments) in the Adriatic-Ionian Region.

3. Supporting maritime and marine governance and services, to make better use of the skills that are available and equip people with new skills (including soft skills) that are needed.

Reporting Line:

The EUSAIR Thematic Expert will report directly to the Pillar Coordinator and EUSAIR National Coordinator for EU fund team on monthly basis.

Qualifications and skills:

- A university degree in natural sciences primarily Biotechnical faculty, technical sciences, humanities or social sciences;
- Excellent knowledge of Montenegrin and English;
- Knowledge of relevant EU policies;
- Computer literacy;
- Communication skills;
- Good analytical and writing skills;
- Proficiency in report drafting.

General professional experience:

- At least 3 (three) years of general working experience obtained after the university degree.

Specific professional experience:

- At least 2 (two) years of relevant working experience related to management, implementation, supervision or design of EU or other donor-funded programmes and/or projects and work experience related to organizing trainings/information events, will be considered as an asset;
- Knowledge of EU strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian region (EUSAIR) will be considered as an asset.

Location

Premises of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management in Podgorica.

Expected start date:

April/May 2025

Duration of the Contract:

Until the end of 2027

Pillar Coordinators and TSG members expressed their needs at the 19th Pillar 1 meeting held on 28 May 2024. The ToRs of the experts to be engaged by Greek and Montenegro FP PP should each include all of the points above. Also, both contractors shall thematically support the Pillar in all Actions of all three Topics as planned in the revised EUSAIR Action Plan draft.

The contractor engaged by Montenegro FP PP shall address the Action Plan Topics and the tasks above (1-9) from the perspective of the EU candidate countries and the support of the EUSAIR in the EU enlargement process.

Annexes to ToRs shall include:

- Application forms of EGP project 1, 2 and 3;
- Extraction of the draft EUSAIR Action Plan concerning Pillar 1.