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SUPPORTING YOUTH SKILLS TO COUNTERACT BRAIN DRAIN IN THE ADRIATIC IONIAN REGION

Date: 25 May 2023

Duration: 11:30 – 13:00

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

Working languages: English

Background – The event takes step from the [IV Adriatic Ionian Youth Organisations Forum](#) (AIYOF4) organised by the Adriatic Ionian Euroregion (AIE) as part of the [AI-NURECC PLUS](#) Initiative in Skopje (North Macedonia) on 24 January 2023.

It will be an occasion to continue reflecting on the challenges of the *green and digital transition* and on the EU opportunities that young people need to be prepared to seize in order to face them. Momentous topics such as *brain drain and brain circulation* in the Adriatic Ionian Region will be discussed as key to progressing towards environmental sustainability, innovation and social inclusion. A special attention will be given to the perspectives of youth organisations and to reflect upon the role they can play in decision-making processes, especially with reference to the introduction of a potential fifth social pillar in the EUSAIR. Suggestions from the other macroregional strategies will be sought and incorporated in the reflections about establishing an open dialogue and cooperation on these matters.

Target audience – Delegates from Adriatic Ionian youth organisations, young professionals, youth workers, young academics and students. EU institutions, Macroregional actors and stakeholders, civil society organisations and citizens.

DRAFT AGENDA

11:15-11:30 **On-site REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

11:30-11:50 **INTRODUCTION**

Moderated by Ms. Maria Luisa ESPOSITO, AIE EU Project Officer

- *Welcome address* by Mr Francesco COCCO, AIE Secretary General
- Mr Milan STOJANOVIC, WBAA Board Member and Project Manager, AIYN representative
- *Keynote speech* by Mr Georgios ZISIMOS, Head of Policy Advice and EU Programming Unit, European Training Foundation – **TBC**

11:50 – 12:55 **NETWORKING TALKS. SUPPORTING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH. BEST PRACTICES FROM THE REGION AND BEYOND**

Moderated by Ms Azra BERBIC, Center for Youth KVART Prijedor and AIYN representative

- Representative of a Bosnian start-up
- Ms Zarja MARKOVIĆ, Programme Director at Humanity in Action Bosnia and Herzegovina
- AIYN representative
- Mr Luka VUJNOVIĆ, EUSAIR National Coordination Team, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia
- Representative of EUSALP – **TBC**
- Ms Irina COZMA, Coordination Team Member, EUSDR PA 3 Culture, tourism and people to people contacts
- Ms Anna-Maija TOIVONEN, Policy Area Coordinator, EUSBR PA Tourism

12:55 – 13:00 **CONCLUSIONS**

- Conclusions and future steps, Ms Maria Luisa ESPOSITO, AIE EU Project Officer

