



Youth4Cohesion

Webinar “A Greener, carbon free Europe”

Monday, 29 November 2021

Working language: English

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Background

The [Youth4cohesion](#) (Y4C) project, directly funded by DG Regio within the “[Engaging citizens in Cohesion policy](#)” initiative and implemented by the [Adriatic Ionian Euroregion](#) (AIE), aims at equipping young people and youth organisations of the Adriatic Ionian area with the knowledge and skills for engaging in Cohesion Policy actively and meaningfully. The action is based on AIE’s long-lasting commitment to involving young people in decision-making.

Through a Call for Expression of Interest addressed to young people and youth organisations in 10 countries of the Adriatic Ionian area, young people were called to engage in the project and attend a sustained programme of webinars focusing on the 5 policy priorities of the new Cohesion Policy 2021-2027 (: – a smarter Europe, – a greener, carbon free Europe, – a more connected Europe, – a more social Europe, – a Europe closer to citizens) and thus become “[Cohesion Builders](#)”.

Participating in the third Y4C webinar on “A Greener, carbon free EU”, they will get an understanding of the EU’s policy priorities and development strategy as linked to the implementation of the UN’s 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A macroregional perspective with insights about Pillar 1 “Blue Growth” of the EUSAIR will be provided, followed by two regional experiences from Emilia-Romagna Region (IT) and Ionian Islands Region (EL). Experiences from young environmental activists will stimulate discussion about the role of youth in climate action.



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16:15-16:30 Registration of participants

16:30-17:00 Relaunching the economy after the Covid19: the role of the Blue Economy and related opportunities in the 2021-2027 programming period.

Introduction by Ms Maria Luisa Esposito, EU Project Officer, Secretariat of the Adriatic Ionian Euroregion

- *Achieving the EU Green Deal's objectives through a sustainable Blue Economy, **Ms. Eleni HATZIYANNI**, Policy Officer, Unit A3 | Sea-basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation & Maritime Security, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE), European Commission*
- **Mr. Paolo CALVANO**, Regional Minister for Budget, Emilia Romagna Region

17:30-18:50 The voice of young people on climate action

- **Ms. Carmen MALAGISI**, National Coordination Youth – Legambiente
- **Ms. Giulia PERSICO**, Italian Climate Network, COY16 Glasgow Country Coordinator

17:50-18:00 Next Steps and conclusion

by Ms Maria Luisa Esposito, EU Project Officer, Secretariat of the Adriatic Ionian Euroregion