



# Youth4Cohesion

## Webinar on “A more connected EU”

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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 fourth Y4C webinar on a “more connected Europe”, they will get an understanding of how Adriatic Ionian countries are developing and enhancing sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal connectivity. A macroregional perspective will be given by illustrating how the EUSAIR is promoting the embeddedness of connectivity policies into the IPA/ESIF programming documents. Also, an overview of the Connectivity Agenda for Western Balkans will be provided, especially with reference to an extended access to TEN-Ts and core networks.

Implementation of EU policies at territorial level will be covered through the Italian experience with the promotion of coastal sustainable infrastructures such as the Adriatic Ionian cycle route. Sustainable connectivity will also be pointed out as a socio-economic driver for maritime tourism and development of tourism destinations as implemented in Albania and Italy.



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16:45-17:00 Registration of participants

*Participants will be registered via the chat box of the online platform*

17:00-17:50 Promoting a more sustainable and innovative connectivity in the Adriatic Ionian region

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

- *Connectivity in the Adriatic Ionian area. How the EUSAIR is helping territories in developing interconnected, sustainable and integrated mobility, **Mr. Sergio GARRIBBA**, Italian Ministry of Economic Development, Coordinator of EUSAIR Pillar 2 “Connecting the Region”*
- *Towards a more sustainable connectivity in the Western Balkan region through the extension of EU networks, **Ms. Nerejda HOXHA**, Coordinator - Road Infrastructure and Policy, Transport Community*
- *Improving mobility in the Adriatic Ionian area through sustainable infrastructures. The Adriatic-Ionian Cycle Route, **Ms. Ginetta NAZZI**, International relations and European programming service, Friuli Venezia Giulia Region (IT)*

17:50-18:20 Connectivity and maritime and inland tourism

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

- *The importance of connectivity for maritime tourism in the Adriatic area, **Mr. Anthony LA SALANDRA**, Director of Risposte Turismo (IT)*
- *Management of the coastal area and the sea. A challenge to sustainable tourism in Lezha Region, Port of Shengjin, **Ms Linda MAÇI**, Director Program Development, Investment & Foreign Relations Department at Regional Council of Lezha (AL)*

18:20-18:30 Next Steps and conclusion

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

- Live Poll
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