



# An EU macro-regional civil strategy in the making

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Spazio Europa, Via Quattro Novembre 149, 00187 Roma

**A preparatory event for stakeholders from the EU Strategy of the Adriatic-Ionian Region (EUSAIR)**

## PROGRAMME

9:30-10:00	<b>Arrival. Registration</b>
10:00-11:25	<p><b>Opening and words of welcome</b></p> <p>Mr Antonio PARENTI, Head, Representation of the European Commission in Italy</p> <p>Prof Pier Virgilio DASTOLI, President, European Movement Italy</p> <p>Mr Brando BENIFEI, Italian Member of the European Parliament (video message)</p> <p>Mr Massimiliano SMERIGLIO, Italian Member of the European Parliament (video message)</p> <p><i>The benefit of a macro-region - a view from Brussels</i></p> <p>Mr Johan MAGNUSSON, Team Leader, Coordinator for all EU macro-regional strategies, European Commission, DG Regio</p> <p><i>Cooperation at sea and on land: an Italian perspective</i></p> <p>Mr Ugo POLI, Central European Initiative</p> <p>Q&amp;A</p>
11:25-11:45	Coffee break
11:45-12:30	<p><b>Setting the scene: the EU macro-regional story</b></p> <p>Panel discussion with the participation of</p> <p>Mr Ioannis VARDAKASTANIS, ECO Section President, European Economic and Social Committee</p> <p>Mr Ermal CELA, youth representative from Albania</p> <p>Ms Magda LESZCZYNA-RZUCIDLO, EUSBSR PA TOU Coordinator, Director, Baltic Institute for Regional Affairs, Poland</p> <p>Discussion with the participants</p> <p>Part 1 and 2 are moderated by Mr Miklos BARABAS, Director, European House Budapest</p>
12:30-13:00	<b>Light lunch</b>
13:00-14:15	<p><b>Setting up of three working groups</b></p> <p>Discussion on the Concept Note of an EU macro-regional civil strategy</p> <p><b>Group A</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr Matteo SISTO, Europiamo ETS, Youth Section of the European Movement Italy</p> <p><b>Group B</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Stanka PARAC, Local Democracy Agency (LDA) Subotica, Serbia</p> <p><b>Group C</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Magda LESZCZYNA-RZUCIDLO, EUSBSR PA TOU Coordinator, Baltic Institute for Regional Affairs, Poland</p>
14:15-15:00	<p><b>Closing plenary</b></p> <p>Brief reports from the Working Groups</p> <p>Conclusions, evaluation and next steps</p> <p>Closing by Mr Miklos BARABAS, European House Budapest</p>



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