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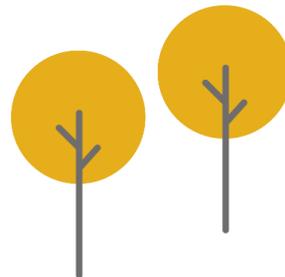


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Energy priorities: potentials for cross macro-regional collaboration

[Lindner Hotel Am Belvedere](#), Rennweg 12, A-1030

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Outlines

EU macro-regional strategies (MRS/Strategy), as integrated frameworks, address societal and ecological challenges shared within a wider territory. The Strategy can help towards coordinated development and implementation of EU policies. The MRS meet the need for a more integrated Europe where policy-makers, governments and other stakeholders are addressing challenges across borders, integrating various policy sectors and taking multilevel governance as their guiding principle. The MRS target to a new Europe where different perspectives are incorporated to find a more effective way of addressing those. Neighbouring countries are involved in the MRS; therefore the Strategies are not just tools for supporting integration within the European Union but also across the whole of Europe.

Four existing MRS are at different implementation stages; however, there are obvious similarities between them. The MRS are very much alike in terms of thematics, governance structures and implementation processes. Each strategy aims to achieve set objectives, defined targets and indicators.

We, the Interact Programme, support the development of new ways of cooperation involving the macro-regional framework. Moreover, the Council Conclusions on the implementation of the MRS request that Interact supports exchanges across the MRS. Some Interact's work on cross-macro-regional cooperation is referred to in the most recent Report on implementation of the EU macro-regional strategies.

Following up on good initiatives and experiences, the cross macro-regional strategies meeting on energy thematic is organised in close cooperation with thematic coordinators of the MRS.

Objective

The main aim of this meeting is to kick-off the exchange of experience and mutual learning across the MRS on cross-cutting issues of energy thematic. The further objective of this event is to agree on further collaboration actions across MRS.

Besides, we will address questions, like how to better connect what is done within the MRS, by the EU and by national institutions in charge of delivering the EU Energy and Climate Policy.



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Day one

Tuesday, 2 April 2019

12.00 – 12.45

Welcome lunch

12.45 – 13.00

Welcome and introduction

Baiba Liepa, Interact

Tour de table

13.00 – 13.20

Macro-regional strategies – laboratories for a new Europe

Anders Bergström, Horizontal Action ‘Capacity’ Coordinator, EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

13.20 – 14.30

Added value of macro-regional strategies in integrating the EU Energy and Climate policies

Catharina Sikow-Magny, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission

Narcis-Paulin Jeler, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Climate Action, European Commission (online input)

Questions and Answers

Objective of the session:

Inputs (presentations) provided during this session will present the state of implementation of the MRS and will address the topics of EU Energy and Climate Policy coordination. Moreover, we will see - what is a role of the MRS in the EU policy delivery and is there a room for the improvement?

14.30 – 15.00

View from the outside macro-regional work: current and future trends in sustainable energy supply

Wolfgang Hribernik, AIT – Austrian Institute of Technology

Questions and Answers

Objective of the session:

Input will highlight trends in sustainable energy supply that will serve food for thought for the meeting participants.

15.00 – 15.30

Coffee break

15.30 – 16.30

State-of-play of energy thematic in macro-regional strategies

MRS Energy priority in short: main focus & implementation progress

Annamaria Nador, Priority Area 2 ‘Sustainable Energy’ coordinator, EUSDR



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*Edijs Saicans, Policy Area 'Energy' coordinator, EUSBSR
Ulrich Santa, Action Group 9 'Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy' leader, EUSALP*

Questions and Answers

Objective of the session:

The session is aiming to introduce energy priority/thematic as defined and delivered under each MRS. The session will provide participants general information on focus of the thematic priority/area and its implementation progress.

16.30 – 18.15 Energy priorities in the EU macro-regional strategies: potentials for further collaboration

Conclusions from the comparative study on energy priorities in the macro-regional strategies

Jorge Núñez-Ferrer, Centre for European Policy Studies

Group discussion (1): Where are potentials for further cross-MRS exchanges

Tasks for the group discussion:

- 1) Identify potential cross-MRS collaboration actions;*
- 2) Prioritise one cross-MRS collaboration action;*
- 3) Elaborate on expected results; short term and long term effects (impact) this action would have.*

Feedback from the group discussion

Objective of the session:

Based on the conclusions from the comparative study of Centre for European Policy Studies as well as inputs from the speakers, this session is aiming to identify potential activities/actions for collaboration across MRS. Moreover, in a group discussion participants will be asked to identify a collaboration priority action and elaborate it further.

Coffee/tea will be available during the group discussion.

18.15 – 18.30 Wrap-up of the Day 1

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20.30 – 22.30 Networking dinner at [Wiener Rathauskeller](#) (Rathausplatz 1, 1010)



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Day two

Wednesday, 3 April 2019

08.30 – 08:45

Introduction to Day 2

Baiba Liepa, Interact and Anders Bergström, Horizontal Action 'Capacity' Coordinator, EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

08.45 – 09.45

How macro-regional strategies deliver: what is a focus of macro-regional work

Anders Bergström, Horizontal Action 'Capacity' Coordinator, EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
Discussion all

Objective of the session:

The MRS coordinators, in their daily work, deal not only with the thematic of the MRS (what MRS are about) but very often face governance challenges (how MRS deliver). Taking it into account, the session will address *modus operandi* of the MRS. Practical suggestions on how to deliver the MRS more efficiently will be shared and jointly discussed. For the background of the discussion conclusions for the study '[Macro-regional Strategies and their links with Cohesion Policy](#)' will be reflected.

09.45 - 10.00

Coffee break

10.00 – 12.30

Group discussion (2): Building cross macro-regional collaboration real

Tasks for the group discussion:

- 1) Elaborate further on prioritised collaboration action, defining expected outcomes, activities and resources needed;*
- 2) Identify what should be done at different intervention levels;*
- 3) Make a stakeholder analysis - who bring about change in the chosen thematic? Whom to involve in the development process?*

Objective of the session:

Based on the inputs provided, this session will invite all the participants to practice and pilot drafting macro-regional process (elaborating creative platform) for further collaboration across MRS.

Coffee/tea will be available during the group discussion.

12.30 – 13.00

Agreements on further cross-MRS exchanges

Discussion all

Objective of the session:



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This session is aiming at agreeing on a roadmap on how to maintain good cross macro-regional collaboration initiatives from after this event.

13.00 – 13.15 **Closing of the meeting**
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13.15 – 15.00 Farewell Lunch



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Practicalities

Venue

The meeting is held in [Lindner Hotel Am Belvedere](#), Rennweg 12, A-103, Vienna, Austria. The networking dinner will be served at [Wiener Rathauskeller](#) (Rathausplatz 1, 1010).

Travel

Every participant is responsible to take care of his/her travel arrangements. Directions and location of the [Lindner Hotel Am Belvedere](#) are available on the hotel website [here](#). The directions to the [Wiener Rathauskeller](#) are available on the restaurant website.

Accommodation

Every participant is responsible for his/her accommodation arrangements.

Other information

Only registered participants will be accepted for the meeting. To register, please follow the link [here](#). The registration is open until 21 March 2019!

Any questions and uncertainties regarding the event should be addressed to Baiba Liepa, (baiba.liepa@interact-eu.net, +358 40 159 9430).