



**TEDEN SREDOZEMSKÉ OBALE
IN MAKROREGIONALNIH
STRATEGIJ**

Izola, Slovenija
16. – 20. september 2024

**MEDITERRANEAN COAST
AND MACRO-REGIONAL
STRATEGIES WEEK**

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Mediterranean Coast and Macro-Regional Strategies Week 2024

Stronger cooperation for better future

Izola, Slovenia

Dear colleagues,

we are pleased to invite you to the ninth edition of the Mediterranean Coast and Macro-Regional Strategies Week, which will be held **on-site in Izola and Portorož, Slovenia, from 16 to 20 September 2024.**

Traditionally, the event aims to raise awareness of the sea and coast and the need of balancing their economic potential and environmental sustainability. During the years however, it evolved and became recognized as one of the central occasions, when all four EU macro-regional strategies meet and exchange on relevant topics. Such exchange of experiences enables faster development in macro-regional cooperation, generate new ideas and approaches, build synergies, and ultimately deliver better results and greater added value to macro-regional cooperation. This year's topics stretch from reflections on 27+ Cohesion Policy to circular economy, digitalization, smart specialization, skills and constructions at the sea and coast. In addition, attention will be paid to the vision and mission of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021 – 2030.

Organizers are promising numerous interesting activities. The event brings together politicians, decision-makers, experts, civil society and interested public from all levels - local, regional, national and international.

It will be traditionally held in the week leading to the Mediterranean Coast Day, September 25th that is widely celebrated in the Mediterranean countries. September 25th was chosen as the Mediterranean Coast Day to honor Slovenia as the first country in the Mediterranean region, which ratified the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in 2009.

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The rich program includes both events open to the public and closed, invitation-only events. The detailed program of both types of events is outlined below:

EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC		
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday, 17.9.2024	Macroregions strengthening S3 interregional cooperation	Izola
Tuesday, 17.9.2024	Driving Circular Economy in EU macro-regions - Updates and Future Directions	Izola
Wednesday, 18.9.2024	From Vision to Action – shaping our macro-regions’ future	Izola
Wednesday, 18.9.2024	OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 2024 MEDITERRANEAN COAST AND MACROREGIONAL STRATEGIES WEEK	Izola
Wednesday, 18.9.2024	Cohesion Policy post 2027: macroregions and EU programmes - addressing common challenges more effectively through coordinated efforts	Izola
Wednesday, 18.9.2024	DIGITAL ALPS CONFERENCE 2024	Izola
Thursday, 19.9.2024	Consultation within TSG3: Construction Activities in the Sea and on the Seashore and Achieving good environmental status of the Sea	Izola
Thursday, 19.9.2024	Soft Skills: Common goals, common ground	Izola
Friday, 20.9.2024	30th anniversary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/UNESCO) in Slovenia: presentation of the commemorative publication 'Mirrors of the Sea: when science and art meet'	Izola

EVENTS BY INVITATION ONLY		
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday, 16 .9.2024	EUSALP: Executive Board meeting	Portorož
Monday, 16 .9.2024	EUSALP: EB - BAGL meeting	Portorož
Tuesday, 17.9.2024	EUSALP: EB - BAGL meeting	Portorož
Tuesday, 17.9.2024	Meeting of EUSAIR Smart Specialisation Strategy authorities	Izola
Wednesday, 18.9.2024	EUSALP: Internal meeting within the Cross-cutting priority "Boosting Circular Economy"	Izola
Wednesday, 18.9.2024	Communicating the impact: Enhancing macro-regional narratives for EU stakeholders	Izola
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Friday, 20.9.2024	Meeting of EU MRS Support Units	Izola

! Organizers reserve the right to further modify the programme

Further information about the event will be available on the dedicated website of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) in the upcoming weeks: <http://www.adriatic-ionian.eu/>.

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