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EUSAIR Governance Support Project 2 Stakeholders Engagement Point

Launch event of Work Package 5 - Supporting
EUSAIR Embedding into IPA III Programmes
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PERIOD	ROLE
2014-2020	EU Funds NC, Project partner in Facility Point (1 May 2016 to 31 October 2023)
2021- 2027	Chairmanship of the EUSAIR (1 June 2022 – 31 May 2023), preparation activities with Italian partners that led to the status of the Project Partner in the StEP, Project Partner in FacilityPoint (4 September 2023 – 21 December 2027)
Post 2027	Bosnia and Herzegovina closer to the EU membership, a strengthened role of the DEI within EUSAIR governance in view of positive outcomes of StEP / WP5

Embedding in last EUSAIR Declarations

Sarajevo Declaration, 24 May 2023

16. WELCOME the efforts made in embedding the Strategy in all cohesion policy and IPA programmes, enabling thus financing of the Strategy priorities through existing funds, and CALL for further effort during the implementation of the programmes;

17. ACKNOWLEDGE the efforts deployed in the involvement of the managing authorities of the ETC programmes to support the EUSAIR embedding process and CALL for the long-term establishment of Cohesion programmes' managing authority networks and National IPA Coordinators networks in the Strategy to facilitate funding from EU, national and regional programmes;

Šibenik Declaration, 15 May 2024

CALL upon EUSAIR key implementers to strengthen their commitment towards achieving EUSAIR objectives and actions, by ensuring the necessary political support and follow up of the embedding process, through more effective coordination and synergies between EU-funded programmes;

REAFFIRM the need for the long-term establishment of EUSAIR networks of managing authorities of EU cohesion programmes and networks of National IPA Coordinators to better facilitate funding of EUSAIR objectives;

WP5 expected achievements

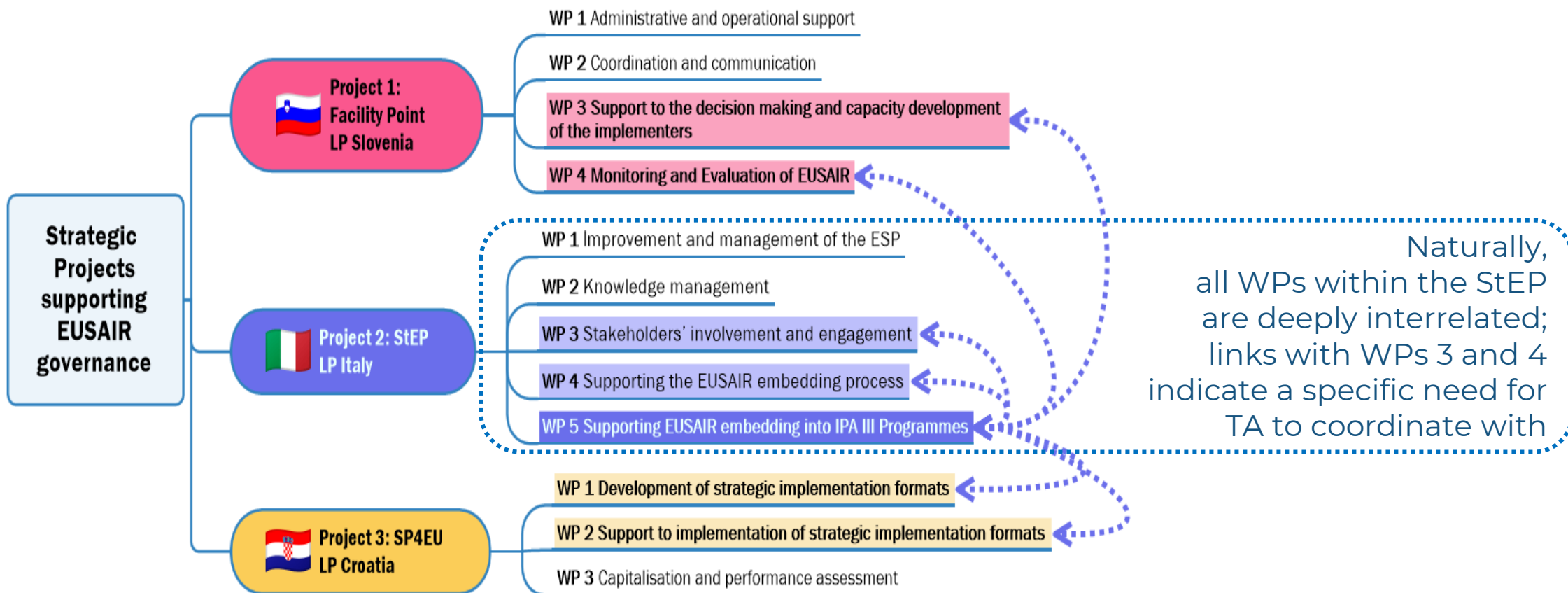
Ensuring a full embedding of EUSAIR within the IPA III programming framework means:

- Improving **coherence and consistency** between Bilateral and Multi-country programming of IPA III with EUSAIR by **acknowledging the strategic relevance of EUSAIR** initiatives
- Creating the conditions for a **constructive dialogue with DG NEAR, EU Delegations and the NIPACs** about financing actions (directly or indirectly) relative to the implementation of EUSAIR initiatives
- Operating towards the harmonisation of methodologies, tools, practices and capacities to **maximise coordination, enhance joint implementation and systematise unitary monitoring** between relevant IPA III actions and EUSAIR projects

The ultimate scope is to raise the awareness and level of understanding on the importance of the enlargement process, its opportunities and its challenges at the level of EUSAIR region and beyond ...

The WP5 will be led by DEI in close cooperation with LP (Marche Region) and MFAIC

- ❑ **DEI** ensures **coordination and ownership** of the WP5:
it supervises the correct implementation of planned activities, the production of suitable deliverable and the achievement of expected outputs
- ❑ The **Technical Assistance** supports DEI in the implementation of all activities envisaged by WP5:
it provides required **skills and knowledge** and it is accountable for the quality of envisaged deliverables
- ❑ An **Entrusted Entity** (*to be identified*) will provide **peer to peer support** to EUSAIR partner candidate countries upon specific request and through a process of matchmaking between knowledge demand and offer of expertise



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