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Dhoma e Tregtisë dhe Industrisë
Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Durrës

7th EUSAIR Forum

All Round Table - Chamber System in the Adriatic and Ionian Region,
organised by the Chamber of Durrës in cooperation with the Forum and
the Adriatic Ionian Initiative

Date: 18th May 2022, Hotel Plaza, Tirana, Albania, 9 00- 10:30

Chair: *Alban Isteri - President of Durrës Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Albania), Vicar Vice President of Forum of the Adriatic Ionian Chambers of Commerce*

Institutional Greetings (5min each):

Joze Tomaš - President of the Croatian Chamber of Economy - County Chamber Split (Croatia), President of the Forum of the Adriatic Ionian Chambers of Commerce

Amb. Fabio Pigliapoco, Head of the Permanent Secretariat of the Adriatic and Ionian Initiative

Amb. Ilir Melo, Chairman-in-office and EUSAIR National Coordinator

(TBC) Representative of Albanian Ministry of Economy and Finances

Panellists: (8/10min each)

- **Ines Mucostepa**, *President of Union of Albanian Chambers of Commerce*
- **Gino Sabatini**, *Vice President of Unioncamere Italia*
- **Pavle Radovanovic**, *Vice-President of the Chamber of Economy of Montenegro (Montenegro), Vice-President of Forum of the Adriatic Ionian Chambers of Commerce*

- **Nikolina Trojić**, *President of the Dubrovnik Chamber of Economy (Croatia)*
- **Marko Šantić**, *President Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Chamber of Economy (Bosnia and Herzegovina)*
- **Pangiotis Tschritzis**, *President Etoloakarnania Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Greece)*
- **Robert Rakar**, *Director of Primorska Chamber of Commerce (Slovenia)*

Discussion with the audience (Q&A)

Scope and objective

The chamber of commerce system supports local businesses, and has been resilient in dealing with the crises of the last years and guaranteeing quality and useful services to businesses.

Through an understanding of the different chamber systems, and cooperation through transnational cooperative bodies such as the Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce (Forum AIC), it is possible to tighten cooperation with governments to create greater synergy and make an even more relevant contribution to the EUSAIR strategy on the local territory.

The Round table, organized by the Durres Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Forum AIC and the Adriatic and Ionian Initiative within the All Albanian Presidency, aims to learn more about the function of the different chamber systems of the Adriatic Ionian Area and understand the role they can play in the greater development of the EUSAIR. Established in 2001 Forum AIC mission is to strength the traditional role of chambers of commerce as areas of mediation of the institutional requests of various economic stakeholders, and at the same time at grasping the new opportunities for the growth of the area specifically created by the scenario of the Adriatic-Ionian Macroregion. Since its establishment the Forum has worked closely with the Association of Universities - UniAdrion, and the Forum of Cities - FAIC by enhancing communications and public-private collaboration, and facilitating knowledge-sharing and best practice exchange among the stakeholders of the AI aerea. The Forum AIC, together with the other 2 Fora, was among the first promoters of the official acknowledgement of the EUSAIR and is officially recognized as one of the main stakeholder for the EUSAIR development and implementation. The Forum AIC objective within the VII EUSAIR Forum is to further enhance the chamber of commerce

systems role in the Eusair as promoters and key actors for supporting businesses and therefore development of our territories.

Topics for discussion

Following the institutional and introductory greetings, in which the President of the AIC Forum, the Head of the Permanent All Secretariat, the Albanian National EUSAIR Coordinator and a representative of the Albanian Ministry of Finance and Economy will speak, the round table will open. The panellists represent the different chamber systems of the countries of the Adriatic Ionian Area and will focus on the following aspects:

- the function of the Chamber system in one's own country;
- the description of some peculiar best practices that support the local business and benefit local communities;
- the role that the Chambers of Commerce can play in the development of the EUSAIR strategy in view of the forthcoming revision of the Action Plan.

Key messages to be communicated before or during the session via social media

- The potential capacity of the different Chambers System to contribute to the EUSAIR development in view of the forthcoming revision of the Action Plan.
- Greater involvement between the Chambers of Commerce through the Forum AIC in the EUSAIR decisional process
- the Tirana declaration of the Chambers of Commerce - which will contain the conclusions and commitment of the Chambers of Commerce in support of the EUSAIR Strategy for greater cooperation with the Governance of the Strategy