

## FAIC ACTIVITY REPORT 2019

### Projects/Initiatives:

Participation in the **AI-NURECC Initiative**, the Adriatic Ionian Network of Universities, Regions, Chambers of Commerce and Cities, which involved the main stakeholders of the region with the aim of strengthening the implementation of **EUSAIR**, promoting a dialogue and closer cooperation between regional and local authorities, universities, chambers of commerce, youth networks, entrepreneurs and civil society.

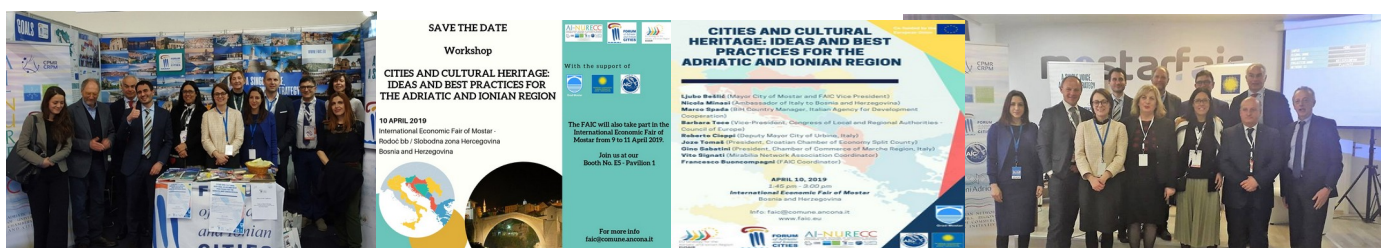
The President of the European Parliament, Mr. David Maria Sassoli, congratulated, through a letter, with the the initiative and the partnership for having "*favoured a more active and better integration of the Balkans into European processes (...)and for project contribution to achieving the principle of unity*".

The main FAIC activities within the AI-NURECC initiative:

- the launch of the **AI-NURECC Direct Info Point** at the premises of the **Municipality of Vasto (Italy)**, on **8 March 2019** - a strategic tool for building and consolidating relations between civil society, local and macro-regional institutions and European institutions. The help desk office, aimed at promoting administrative cooperation and economic, social, cultural and scientific integration of the Adriatic-Ionian area, in particular performed the following activities: information and consultancy on the objectives, values and results of the project AI-NURECC; on European opportunities in the Adriatic - Ionian area for institutions, businesses, young people, the third sector, universities; on the EUSAIR strategy and its Action Plan; on promotion of initiatives and events of FAIC member cities; support for European planning; participation in the institutional activities of the FAIC / City of Vasto Presidency in order to promote a structured dialogue and solid cooperation between the various actors.



- participation of FAIC in the **Mostar International Fair (Bosnia and Herzegovina)**, held from 9 to 11 **April 2019**, with its own booth, where the FAIC Staff represented and promoted FAIC member cities and its activities within the EUSAIR. In the framework of the Mostar International Fair, FAIC organized, in collaboration with the Forum AIC and the City of Mostar, a workshop entitled "Cities and Cultural Heritage: Ideas and Best Practices for the Adriatic and Ionian Region", addressed to the enhancement of the tourism and cultural heritage of the Adriatic and Ionian Area. With that regard, FAIC promoted during the event the capitalization of existing project ideas, exchange of good practices and experiences and development of joint initiatives.



- participation in the workshop **"Creative cities & creative industries - Sustainable tourism and cultural heritage in the Adriatic-Ionian Region"**, organized in collaboration with the Forum AIC , on **12 June 2019 in Fabriano (Italy)**, in the broader context of the 13th Annual Conference of the Creative UNESCO Cities . The purpose of the seminar was to support and enhance dialogue in the field of culture by promoting the rich and diversified cultural heritage of the Adriatic-Ionian region, as well as to promote capitalization on existing project ideas, by identifying of topics of common interest and sharing of best practices and experiences.



- As part of the Youth Action of the AI-NURECC Initiative FAIC organized two successful events during the YOUTH GAMES event held in **Ancona (Italy) in September 2019**:

**Info-Kiosk** aimed at informing and raising awareness on European strategies and policies for youth, also in the sports sector;

**Info Day "Youth and Sport for All in the Adriatic and Ionian Region - Let's Play Together!"**, focused on the challenges that the European Union is facing in order to provide to young people international exchange opportunities through sport as a tool for integration and social inclusion.



- participation in the first **Adriatic Ionian Youth Organizations Forum (AIYOF)** held in **Tirana (Albania) in November, 2019**, organized by the Adriatic Ionian Euroregion within the AI-NURECC Initiative. The FAIC was involved into the panel discussion dedicated to initiatives, projects and events aimed at young people within the Adriatic-Ionian Area, presenting the Youth Games event as a good practice of strengthening the territorial and cultural cohesion process of the area and of active involvement of young people in it.



- participation in the final conference of the **AI-NURECC Initiative**, in **Brussels** in **December 2019**. During the conference, there were presented main project activities organized successfully by FAIC in the field of youth, sustainable tourism, inclusive sports policies, cooperation and EUSAIR policies. The participants also discussed about future joint initiatives covering the Adriatic Ionian Area.



## Institutional activities

**Ancona, February 2019** - meeting between the representatives of the three FORA civil society of the Adriatic and Ionian Area and the delegation of the Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro was organized to define common strategies and topics related to the II Joint Conference of the FORA 2019, to be held within the 4<sup>th</sup> EUSAIR Forum.



**Budva, May 2019:** organization and active participation in the **II Joint Conference of the FORA of the Adriatic Ionian Macroregion**, which was held in **Budva (Montenegro)**, together with the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the EUSAIR Forum entitled **”Integration for the people, development for the region”**. The Cities, Universities and Chambers of Commerce of the Adriatic and Ionian countries met to discuss about common development, the results achieved so far and future planning. The Conference represented an important step forward in the construction and consolidation of relations between the stakeholders of the AI Area, in favour of the capitalization of the activities and projects focused on the implementation of EUSAIR.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint annual conference

Fora of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce, Cities and Universities



within 4<sup>th</sup> EUSAIR Forum



6-8 May 2019



**Belgrade, September 2019** - meeting at the Serbian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, organized by the Permanent Secretariat All - Adriatic Ionian Initiative, with the participation of FORA representatives and the representatives of Serbian EUSAIR Presidency in order to discuss about joint actions within the EUSAIR and future steps.

**Belgrade, September 2019** - meeting with the representatives of the City of Belgrade to promote the activities of our association and to discuss a possible adhesion of the City of Belgrade to the FAIC.



## Youth and Sport

Support through patronage to the initiative **"We, playing for the Adriatic and Ionian Macro Region"**, the sporting event among young football players of the Adriatic area, which aims to raise awareness on AI Macroregion among youth and to support the cohesion process between the Adriatic-Ionian communities through common projects aimed at sport, dialogue and education. The VII edition of the initiative was focused on "Sport, Dialogue, Culture and Values"



Support in organizing the initiative: **YOUTH GAMES ANIMUS - GAMES OF THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN REGION** - held in Ancona (Italy) from 27 to 29 September 2019 and aimed at raising awareness among young people, promoting cohesion and building a sense of belonging to Adriatic Ionian Region, through sport and gathering. Over 20 FAIC member cities were actively involved in the organization through the participation of their youth sports delegations in the sporting event.



## Side activities

### Institutional meeting of FAIC bodies:

- Executive Board meeting n. 1/2019 , held in Budva (Montenegro) on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2019



### Communication activities:

FAIC has carried out daily online and offline communication and dissemination activities of numerous events, initiatives and projects implemented by member cities within the Adriatic-Ionian area, with aim of spreading the regional strategy EUSAIR and in order to enhance the activities of networking among the stakeholders of the AI Area. The FAIC website is available in Italian and English language.

FAIC communication tools:

Website: [www.faic.eu](http://www.faic.eu)



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