

# Croatia and EU Cooperation Actions

# Key Managing Authorities

## Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds

- Competitiveness and Cohesion Programme
- Integrated Territorial Programme

## Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy

- Efficient Human Resources Programme

# Challenges

- Different administrative systems
- Communication gaps
- Limited staff capacity
- Funding and co-financing constraints
- Low awareness or experience

# Opportunities

- Addressing regional disparities
- Enhancing institutional capacity
- Access to new knowledge and innovation
- Learning from experienced EU counterparts
- Capacity building
- Alignment with EU macro-regional strategies
- Sustainability and long-term Impact (systemic, cross-border solutions)

## Cooperation with Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy

- Cooperation stemming from macro-regional strategies
- Cooperation character of people working in Interreg
- Willingness to make a change and go out of the comfort zone

# Framework for ESF+

- Obligation to address macroregional challenges and to report on contribution
- National authority has an autonomy to decide how
- Important to bring aboard all stakeholders in understanding the concept of embedding

# So far...

- ESF+ MA is a member of Steering group for PA9 and ESF MA network (EUSDR)
- ESF+ MA is a pillar coordinator for Pillar 5 (EUSAIR)
- ESF+ MA included option of transnational partnership for certain investments in line with MRSs for the period 2021-2027

# Onward...

- ESF+ MA will work on developing options/models for transnational partnerships within Programme's calls
- Broadening themes where this type of partnerships is available (extension on EUSAIR pillar 5)
- Exploring other options for transnational cooperation for post 2027 with other MAs and MRSs
- Continuing cooperation with other stakeholders



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