Interview Guide
Implementation of the Twin Transition within the EUSAIR Framework – National Authorities

Section 1 – Role of the National Authority within EUSAIR

1. What is the role of your Ministry/Authority in the national coordination of EUSAIR?
2. How does the national level interact with:
   o The Regions involved in EUSAIR?
   o The macro-regional governance structures (Pillars, TSGs, Facility Point)?
3. How would you assess the overall level of national engagement in EUSAIR activities?

Section 2 – Strategic Integration of the Twin Transition

4. Is the twin transition explicitly integrated into national development strategies (e.g. national plans, EU funds programming, National Recovery and Resilience Plan)?
5. Has EUSAIR influenced the integration of the twin transition at the national level?
6. To what extent has the integration of the twin transition been driven by:
   - European Union strategic frameworks?
   - National political priorities?
   - Macro-regional EUSAIR dynamics?

Section 3 – Vertical Coordination

7. Does the national level provide guidance to Regions for integrating the twin transition within the EUSAIR framework?
8. Are there formal coordination mechanisms between the national and regional levels on this issue?
9. To what extent are national and macro-regional priorities aligned?

Section 4 – Twin Transition in EUSAIR and Flagship Projects

10. Does the national level promote the integration of the twin transition within EUSAIR Flagship Projects?
11. Within Flagship Projects, is the inclusion of the twin transition:
    • A normative requirement,
    • A political orientation,
    • Or a concrete operational element shaping project activities?

12. Are there monitoring or evaluation mechanisms at the national level regarding the integration of the twin transition within EUSAIR projects?
13. Has the twin transition changed the type of actors involved in projects (e.g. greater involvement of digital actors in environmental initiatives, or vice versa)?

Section 5 – Transnational Cooperation and Leadership

14. Does the national level play an active role in promoting transnational cooperation on the twin transition?
15. Do you observe significant differences among EUSAIR countries in terms of institutional capacity or level of implementation?
16. Are certain countries assuming a leadership role in promoting the twin transition within EUSAIR?

Section 6 – Normative vs Operational Dimension

17. Based on your experience, is the twin transition within EUSAIR primarily:
    • A normative alignment with EU priorities,
    • A political coordination instrument,
    • Or an operational agenda concretely influencing programming and projects?
18. In your view, has the twin transition changed the way national, regional, and macro-regional levels cooperate?