Interview Guide

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Section 1 – Regional Positioning within EUSAIR

1. What is your Region's role within EUSAIR (e.g. involvement in specific Pillars, coordination responsibilities, participation in Thematic Steering Groups, or implementation of Flagship projects)?
2. How would you assess your Region's overall level of engagement in EUSAIR activities (e.g. strategic leadership, active project participation, limited involvement)?

Section 2 – Vertical Integration of EUSAIR and the Twin Transition

3. Is EUSAIR explicitly integrated into your Regional strategic or programming documents?
4. Is the twin transition explicitly integrated into your Regional strategic or programming documents (e.g. Regional Development Strategy, Smart Specialisation Strategy, Cohesion Policy programmes)?
5. To what extent was this integration influenced by:
    - National legislation?
    - EU-level frameworks (e.g. Green Deal, Digital Strategy)?
    - EUSAIR priorities?
6. Has your Region developed or participated in projects explicitly addressing the twin transition?
7. Are these projects linked to specific EU instruments (e.g. Interreg, Horizon Europe, Cohesion Policy funds)?
8. To what extent do these projects reflect EUSAIR priorities in terms of objectives, design, or partnerships?

Section 3 – Participation and Transnational Cooperation

9. In which EUSAIR Pillars is your Region currently most active?
10. Does your Region cooperate with other EUSAIR regions specifically on twin transition themes?
11. How would you describe these collaborations?

- Project-based
- Strategic and long-term
- Network-based or informal

12. Do you observe differences in institutional capacity among participating regions?
13. Are certain regions playing a leading role in promoting the twin transition within EUSAIR?

Section 4 – Flagship Projects and the Twin Transition

14. Is your Region involved in any EUSAIR Flagship Projects?
15. What is your role within these projects (leader, partner, supporting partner)?
16. Within these Flagship projects, how is the twin transition positioned?

- As a mandatory requirement stemming from EUSAIR governance structures,
- As a strategic alignment with EU priorities,
- Or as an operational element shaping concrete project activities?

17. Have project objectives, activities, or work packages been concretely modified to integrate twin transition principles?
18. Has the twin transition facilitated the mobilisation of new types of actors (e.g. digital actors in environmental projects, or vice versa)?