

## Blue Economy for a Sustainable Black Sea (BEStBS)

Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Regional Workshop

Sofia, International Business School 17 October 2024, 9:00-17:00 (EEST = CEST + 1)



## **AGENDA**

09:00	<b></b>	Arrival and registration	
09:30		Welcome  Moderator: Karina Angelieva, Strategies advisor for innovation and growth	<ul> <li>Message from the European Commission, the Bulgarian authorities and the Partnership Coordinator</li> <li>Minister of Innovation and Growth of Bulgaria (TBC)</li> <li>Iliana Ivanova (TBC), Commissioner Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth</li> <li>Irina Makarenko, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Black Sea Commission</li> </ul>
10:00		Setting the scene/1: framing the Partnership event in the light of the Black Sea High Tech summit  Moderator: Angiolo Boncompagni, Italian Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR)	The EU Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership, from the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda to the Intervention Areas  • Kathrine Angell-Hansen, Research Council Norway (RCN), Chair of the Partnership Genaral Assembly  Synergies: opportunities from funding streamlining and the shared use of Research Infrastructures  • Viorel Vulturescu, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalization (MCID), Romania, Vice Chair of the Partnership General Assembly
10:20		Setting the scene/2: the voice of the Partnership Black Sea Nodes  Moderator: Milen Baltov, Burgas Free University (BFU), Bulgaria, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Black Sea Node	<ul> <li>Interconnecting the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership and the Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agendas</li> <li>Ebru Soyuyüce Aydın, Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TUBITAK), Turkey,</li> <li>Jobava Rusudan, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia (SRNSFG), Georgia,</li> <li>Olena Marushevska, Bluerivers, Ukraine, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Black Sea Node</li> </ul>
10:40		Panel discussion: towards a portfolio of projects  Moderator: Mihaela Mirea, Black Sea Assistance	<ul> <li>Zeynep Cetecioglu Gurol, Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Sweden</li> <li>Partnership cofunded project on 'Improved valorization of marine sources and processing waste for resource efficient blue food/feed and environmentally sustainable materials development - SEAREFINERY'</li> <li>Daniela Coppola, Stazione Zoologica Anton Dhorn</li> </ul>

(SZN), Italy

Mechanism
coordinator

Partnership cofunded project on 'From waste to taste: exploring innovative food applications of postharvest fish losses — WASTE2TASTE'

 Dan Vasiliu, National Institute for Research and Development of Marine Geology and Geoecology (GEOECOMAR), Romania

Cross-Border MARitime Spatial PLANning in the Black Sea - MARSPLAN

Q&A with the audience

11:10		Coffee break	
11:40		Cross-basin dialogue Med- Black-Baltic Sea on intertwins of blue economy	<ul> <li>Mediterranean Sea &gt;&gt; Mario Dogliani, Westmed, Green Shipping, Italy</li> <li>Black Sea &gt;&gt; Barış Salihoglu, Middle East Technical</li> </ul>
		with climate and green transition	University (METU), Türkiye
		Moderator: Mustafa Yucel, Middle East Technical University (METU), Türkiye	<ul> <li>Baltic Sea &gt;&gt; BONUS Representative (Poland, TBC)</li> </ul>
			Q&A with the audience
12:10		Rountable - Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership perspective on how to uptake pojects' results to the market: connecting with	Claus Schultze, European Commission, DG-MARE
			<ul> <li>Aleksander Olsen, Innovation Norway</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Eleni Manousiadi, Kantor Management Consultants,</li> <li>The Black Sea Accelerator</li> </ul>
		innovation and business players	<ul> <li>Şafak Özsoy, Director, TULIP Sustainability Center, Türkiye</li> </ul>
		Moderator: Matteo Bocci, Ecorys	<ul> <li>Hristo Stoykov, Director "Advisory Services", European Investment Bank, Luxembourg (TBC)</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Ivaylo Ivanov, Chairman of the Maritime Infrastructure Holding Company</li> </ul>
			Q&A with the audience
13:10		Showcase session (3' pitches): Digitalisation and sensitive	<ul> <li>Elitza Stoilova, CEO of Umni Al Chatbot platform, Sofia Bulgaria</li> <li>Chasing Al in tourism</li> </ul>
		technologies	<ul> <li>Emre Yemişken, Faculty of Science, Department of Biology at Istanbul University</li> </ul>

Moderator: Black Sea Title TBD **Connect Young** Ambassador (TBC) **Partnership** 13:30 Networking lunch 14:30 World café Engagement of the audience by Julie Oliver, Project Management Jülich (FZJ), Germany, together with the Partnership Black Sea Nodes and the Black Sea Young Ambassadors 15:30 Panel discussion on synergies / 1: capitalizing on Black Sea networks for a Common Maritime Agenda Moderator: Elisabbetta Balzi, European Commission - DG RTD

Name, Afiliation, Country

One project/SMEs e.g. supported by the Innovative SMEs

Nadja Schlichenmaier, Steinbeis Europa Zentrum, Coordinator ECOsystem-based governance with Danube lighthouse Living Lab for sustainable Innovation processes (EcoDaLLi)

From source to sink – the Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters in the Danubius region and Black Sea basin

Pinar Uygurer, Middle East Technical University (METU), Türkiye, Project manager of Black Sea **CONNECT and BRIDGE-BS** 

Linking the Common Maritime Agenda to Black Sea SRIA implementation

Adrian Stanica, National Institute for Research and Development of Marine Geology and Geoecology (GEOECOMAR), Romania

How to 'open doors' (and infrastrucutres) for research and innovation in the Black Sea

Q&A with the audience

16:00		Comfort break	<ul> <li>Continuous coffee served</li> </ul>
16:10	<b>A</b>	Panel discussion on synergies / 2: international dimension and the Common Maritime Agenda  Moderator: Julie Oliver, Project Management Jülich (FZJ), Germany	<ul> <li>Violeta Slabakova, Institute of Oceonology Varna,         Bulgaria         The System of System (SoS) Results under the DOORS project         Developing Optimal and Open Research Support' for the Black Sea     </li> <li>Stavros Kalognomos, Conference of Peripheral         Maritime Regions (CPRM) Executive Secretary, Balkan         &amp; Black Sea Commission     </li> </ul> Engaging regional authorities for a sustainable blue economy

Rositsa Stoeva, Executive Manager at the Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS), Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)

Economic cooperation supporting the Common Maritime Agenda

		• Stoyan Kotov, Ministry of Environment, Bulgaria  Aligning monitoring programmes: what's next for the MSFD. A  perspective from the GES Working Group
		<ul> <li>Tudor Castravet, "Ion Creanga" Pedagogical State         University, Chisinau, Moldova     </li> <li>Towards Partnership's widening and international cooperation</li> </ul>
		Q&A with the audience
16:50	Forward looking conclusions: opportunities from the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership	Margherita Cappelletto, Italian Minsitry of Universities and Research (MUR), Coordinator of the Partnership
17:00	End of the workshop	

## More information on the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership:



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