



Sustainable Blue
Economy Partnership

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)



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AGENDA

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| 09:00 | ▶ | Arrival and registration | |
| 09:30 | ▶ | <p><i>Welcome</i></p> <p>Moderator: Karina Angelieva, Strategies advisor for innovation and growth</p> | <p><i>Message from the European Commission, the Bulgarian authorities and the Partnership Coordinator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of Innovation and Growth of Bulgaria (TBC) • Iliana Ivanova (TBC), Commissioner Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth • Irina Makarenko, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Black Sea Commission |
| 10:00 | ▶ | <p><i>Setting the scene/1: framing the Partnership event in the light of the Black Sea High Tech summit</i></p> <p>Moderator: Angiolo Boncompagni, Italian Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR)</p> | <p><i>The EU Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership, from the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda to the Intervention Areas</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathrine Angell-Hansen, Research Council Norway (RCN), Chair of the Partnership General Assembly <p><i>Synergies: opportunities from funding streamlining and the shared use of Research Infrastructures</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viorel Vulturescu, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalization (MCID), Romania, Vice Chair of the Partnership General Assembly |
| 10:20 | ▶ | <p><i>Setting the scene/2: the voice of the Partnership Black Sea Nodes</i></p> <p>Moderator: Milen Baltov, Burgas Free University (BFU), Bulgaria, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Black Sea Node</p> | <p><i>Interconnecting the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership and the Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agendas</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ebru Soyuyüce Aydın, Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TUBITAK), Turkey, • Jobava Rusudan, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia (SRNSFG), Georgia, • Olena Marushevskya, Bluerivers, Ukraine, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Black Sea Node |
| 10:40 | ▶ | <p><i>Panel discussion: towards a portfolio of projects</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mihaela Mirea, Black Sea Assistance</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zeynep Cetecioglu Gurol, Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Sweden <p><i>Partnership cofunded project on 'Improved valorization of marine sources and processing waste for resource efficient blue food/feed and environmentally sustainable materials development - SEAREFINERY'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniela Coppola, Stazione Zoologica Anton Dhorn (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

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| 11:10 | ▶ | Coffee break | ▶▶ ▶▶▶ ▶▶▶ ▶▶▶ ▶▶▶ ▶▶▶ ▶▶▶ |
| 11:40 | ▶ | <i>Cross-basin dialogue Med-Black-Baltic Sea on intertwins of blue economy with climate and green transition</i> Moderator: Mustafa Yucel, Middle East Technical University (METU), Türkiye | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mediterranean Sea</i> >> Mario Dogliani, Westmed, Green Shipping, Italy• <i>Black Sea</i> >> Barış Salihoglu, Middle East Technical University (METU), Türkiye• <i>Baltic Sea</i> >> BONUS Representative (Poland, TBC) Q&A with the audience |
| 12:10 | ▶ | <i>Rountable - Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership perspective on how to uptake pojects' results to the market: connecting with innovation and business players</i> Moderator: Matteo Bocci, Ecorys | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claus Schultze, European Commission, DG-MARE• Aleksander Olsen, Innovation Norway• Eleni Manousiadi, Kantor Management Consultants, The Black Sea Accelerator• Şafak Özsoy, Director, TULIP Sustainability Center, Türkiye• Hristo Stoykov, Director "Advisory Services", European Investment Bank, Luxembourg (TBC)• Ivaylo Ivanov, Chairman of the Maritime Infrastructure Holding Company Q&A with the audience |
| 13:10 | ▶ | <i>Showcase session (3' pitches): Digitalisation and sensitive technologies</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elitza Stoilova, CEO of Umni AI Chatbot platform, Sofia Bulgaria <i>Chasing AI in tourism</i>• Emre Yemişken, Faculty of Science, Department of Biology at Istanbul University |

- Stoyan Kotov, Ministry of Environment, Bulgaria

Aligning monitoring programmes: what's next for the MSFD. A perspective from the GES Working Group

- Tudor Castravet, "Ion Creanga" Pedagogical State University, Chisinau, Moldova

Towards Partnership's widening and international cooperation

Q&A with the audience

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| 16:50 | ▶ | <i>Forward looking conclusions: opportunities from the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership</i> | Margherita Cappelletto, Italian Ministry 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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