

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

09:00	Arrival and registration	
09:30	<i>Welcome</i> 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 (TBC)</li> <li>Elisabetta Balzi, Head of Unit Ocean, Seas and Waters, Deputy Director Healthy Planet at European Commission, DG Research and Innovation</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)	<ul> <li>The EU Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership, from the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda to the Intervention Areas</li> <li>Kathrine Angell-Hansen, Research Council Norway (RCN), Chair of the Partnership Genaral Assembly</li> <li>Synergies: opportunities from funding streamlining and the shared use of Research Infrastructures</li> <li>Viorel Vulturescu, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalization (MCID), Romania, Vice Chair of the Partnership General Assembly</li> </ul>
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	<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</li> </ul>

Moderator:	food/feed and environmentally sustainable materials				
Mihaela Mirea,	development - SEAREFINERY'				
Black Sea					
Assistance • Daniela Coppola, Stazione Zoologica Anton Dhorn					
Mechanism	(SZN), Italy				
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 with climate and	<ul> <li>Mediterranean Sea &gt;&gt; Mario Dogliani, Westmed, Green Shipping, Italy (TBC)</li> <li>Black Sea &gt;&gt; Barış Salihoglu, Middle East Technical University (METU), Türkiye</li> </ul>
		green transition Moderator: Elisabbetta Balzi, European	<ul> <li>Baltic Sea &gt;&gt; Maciej Zdanowicz, NCBR, Poland Intervention on BONUS</li> </ul>
		Commission – DG RTD	Q&A with the audience
12:10		Rountable - Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership perspective on how to uptake pojects' results to the market: connecting with innovation and business players Moderator: Matteo Bocci, Black Sea Accelerator	<ul> <li>Andreea Strachinescu, European Commission, Head of Unit, DG-MARE</li> <li>Aleksander Olsen, Innovation Norway</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Eleni Manousiadi, Kantor Management Consultants, The Black Sea Accelerator</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Şafak Özsoy, Director, TULIP Sustainability Center, Türkiye</li> </ul>
			<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>

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13:10	Showcase session (3' pitches): Digitalisation and	<ul> <li>Elitza Stoilova, CEO of Umni Al Chatbot platform, Sofia Bulgaria</li> <li>Chasing Al in tourism</li> </ul>
	sensitive technologies Moderator: Black Sea Young Ambassador (Tatiana	<ul> <li>Emre Yemişken, Tetis Biotechnology and Faculty of Science, Department of Biology at Istanbul University Integrating IoT and AI in Green Tech Marine Bioactive Manufacturing</li> </ul>
	Sitchinava,Georgia & Angela Goncaer, Moldova)	<ul> <li>Ioana Petre, SC BEIA CONSULT INTERNATIONAL SRL, Romania (TBC)</li> <li>Drone for Smart Ports and Anchorages</li> </ul>
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 (Tatiana Sitchinava, Georgia & Angela Goncaer, Moldova)
15:30	Panel discussion on synergies / 1: capitalizing on Black Sea networks for a Common Maritime Agenda	<ul> <li>Boryana Stancheva, Association of Danube River municipalities, ECOsystem-based governance with Danube lighthouse Living Lab for sustainable Innovation processes (EcoDaLLi)</li> <li>From source to sink – the Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters in the Danubius region and Black Sea basin</li> </ul>
	Moderator: Mustafa Yucel, Middle East Technical University (METU), Türkiye	<ul> <li>Pinar Uygurer, Middle East Technical University (METU), Türkiye, Project manager of Black Sea CONNECT and BRIDGE-BS</li> <li>Linking the Common Maritime Agenda to Black Sea SRIA implementation</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Adrian Stanica, National Institute for Research and Development of Marine Geology and Geoecology (GEOECOMAR), Romania</li> <li>How to 'open doors' (and infrastrucutres) for research and innovation in the Black Sea</li> </ul>
		Q&A with the audience
16:00	Comfort break	Continuous coffee served
16:10	Panel discussion on synergies / 2: international	<ul> <li>Violeta Slabakova, Institute of Oceonology Varna, Bulgaria</li> </ul>

	dimension and the Common Maritime Agenda	The System of System (SoS) Results under the DOORS project - Developing Optimal and Open Research Support' for the Black Sea
	Moderator: Julie Oliver, Project Management Jülich (FZJ), Germany	<ul> <li>Stavros Kalognomos, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPRM) Executive Secretary, Balkan &amp; Black Sea Commission</li> <li>Engaging regional authorities for a sustainable blue economy</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Rositsa Stoeva, Executive Manager at the Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS), Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)</li> <li>Economic cooperation supporting the Common Maritime Agenda</li> </ul>
		• 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 (TBC)</li> <li>Towards Partnership's widening and international cooperation</li> <li>Q&amp;A with the audience</li> </ul>
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	

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## More information on the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership:



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