



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	▶	<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">• Galin Tsokov, Minister of Education and Science (TBC), Bulgaria• Irina Makarenko, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Black Sea Commission• Elisabetta Balzi, Head of Unit Ocean, Seas and Waters, Deputy Director Healthy Planet at European Commission, DG Research and Innovation
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">• Frode Dal Fjeldavli, Research Council Norway (RCN), Partnership Brussels' Cellule <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 Marushevskaya, 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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zeynep Cetecioglu Guro, 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>

Assistance
Mechanism
coordinator

- Daniela Coppola, Stazione Zoologica Anton Dhorn (SZN), Italy

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	▶	<i>Cross-basin dialogue Med-Black-Baltic Sea on intertwins of blue economy with climate and green transition</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mediterranean Sea</i> >> Manuela Scarsi, Port System Authority of North Tyrrhenian Sea, Italy• <i>Black Sea</i> >> Barış Salihoglu, Middle East Technical University (METU), Türkiye• <i>Baltic Sea</i> >> Maciej Zdanowicz, National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR), Poland
		Moderator: Elisabetta Balzi, European Commission – DG RTD	Q&A with the audience
12:10	▶	<i>Rountable - Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership perspective on how to uptake projects' results to the market: connecting with innovation and business players</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Şafak Özsoy, Director, TULIP Sustainability Center, Türkiye• Andreea Strachinescu, European Commission, Head of Unit, DG-MARE• Aleksander Olsen, Innovation Norway• Eleni Manousiadi, Kantor Management Consultants, The Black Sea Accelerator• Boyan Zhekov, National Horizon Europe coordinator, Bulgaria (TBC)• Stela Atanasova, Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company (BPI Co.)
		Moderator: Matteo Bocci, Black Sea Accelerator	Q&A with the audience

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

Economic cooperation supporting the Common Maritime Agenda

- Julian Popov, Advisor to the Ministry of Environment, Bulgaria

Outcomes of the last IPCC session (tentative).

- Natalia Guranda/Stanislaw Petrascu (TBC), national hub of the Common Maritime Agenda in the Republic of Moldova

Towards Partnership's widening and international cooperation

Q&A with the audience

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 & Kathrine Angell-Hansen, Research Council Norway (RCN), Chair of the Partnership General Assembly
17:00	▶	End of the workshop	

More information on the Sustainable
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