



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 Black Sea Commission</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership - opportunities for the Black Sea blue economy</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, Norway <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), Vice Chair of the Partnership General Assembly, Romania
10:20	▶	<p><i>Setting the scene/2: The voice of the Partnership Black Sea Nodes</i></p> <p>Moderator: Milan 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, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Black Sea Node, Ukraine
10:40	▶	<p><i>Panel discussion: Towards portfolios of projects</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mihaela Mirea, Black Sea Assistance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zeynep Cetecioglu Guroi, 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>

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  *Cross-basin dialogue: Intertwining the blue economy with the digital and green transition*

- *Mediterranean Sea* >> Manuela Scarsi, Port System Authority of North Tyrrhenian Sea, Italy
- *Black Sea* >> Barış Salihoglu, Middle East Technical University (METU), Turkey
- *Baltic Sea* >> Maciej Zdanowicz, National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR), Poland

Moderator:

Viorel Vulturescu,
Ministry of Research,
Innovation and
Digitalization (MCID),
Romania

Q&A with the audience

12:10  *Roundtable - Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership perspective on how to uptake projects' results to the market: connecting with innovation and business players*

- Şafak Özsoy, Director, TULIP Sustainability Center, Turkey
- Andreea Strachinescu, European Commission, Head of Unit, DG-MARE
- Eleni Manousiadi, Kantor Management Consultants, The Black Sea Accelerator
- Boyan Zhekov, National Horizon Europe coordinator, Bulgaria
- Stela Atanasova, Bulgarian Ports Infrastructure Company (BPI Co.)

Moderator:
Matteo Bocci, Black
Sea Accelerator

Q&A with the audience

13:00  *Showcase session (5' pitches): From research to market uptake: Lessons from Black Sea digitalization leadership*

- Emre Yemişken, Tetis Biotechnology and Faculty of Science, Department of Biology at Istanbul University, Turkey
- Ivaylo Slavov, Finance Partner Entrepreneur and University board member of Burgas Free University

*The System of System (SoS) Results under the DOORS project
- Developing Optimal and Open Research Support' for the
Black Sea*

Q&A with the audience

16:50	▶	<i>From insight to impact: Workshop takeaways and next steps</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
Blue Economy Partnership:



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