



2026 SYMPOSIUM:

Full Sail Ahead Towards the Sustainable Blue Economy

11 February, Radisson Blu Bucharest



Morning Session - The Drop (Setting the Scene)	
9:00 - 9:30	Opening and Welcome
9:30 - 9:50	Keynote Speech
9:50 - 10:00	Strengthening Cooperation across sea basins: a European approach to a Sustainable Blue Economy
10:00 - 10:05	Presentation of the programme and introduction to panels
First Ripples (Political & Regional Context)	
10:05 - 10:40	Panel 1 - Navigating Uncertainty: Policy, Geopolitics and the Black Sea Dimension
10:40 - 11:30	Coffee & Exhibition Walk
Expanding Ripples (Impact & Uptake)	
11:30 - 12:15	Panel 2 - From Research to Ripple Effect: Early Results from our Projects
12:15 - 12:30	Inspirational talk on R&I in the Black Sea
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch & Networking
13:30 - 14:05	Panel 3 – The Market Uptake Challenge: Engaging Industry and Finance
14:05 - 14:30	Cultural intermezzo
14:30 - 15:05	Panel 4 - Making Waves Beyond the Horizon
15:05 - 15:50	Coffee & Exhibition Walk
Closing Session – The Wider Waves	
15:50 - 16:30	Concluding Panel / Roundtable: Future Opportunities & Looking Ahead
16:30 - 17:00	Wrap-Up & Next Steps
Evening Reception	