



**COMMON MARITIME AGENDA FOR THE BLACK SEA
2021 STAKEHOLDERS CONFERENCE**

**Towards CMA projects for a resilient and sustainable
blue economy in the Black Sea**

22 November 2021, 14.00 – 17.30 EET

AGENDA



13.30 – 14.00	Registration to the online platform
14.00 – 14.10	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Subutay Yüksel, Deputy Director General, Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, 2021 CMA Turkish coordination • Key message - Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General, DG MARE
14.10 – 14.40	Plenary session 1: Taking stock of achievements and looking ahead, towards projects supporting the sustainable blue economy in the Black Sea <i>This initial panel discussion sets the scene of the regional conference by offering an overview of some of the main achievements and actions promoted in support of a sustainable blue economy across the Black Sea region, related challenges, opportunities as well as the lessons learned, while discussing the main future perspectives, promoting projects and fostering further regional synergies.</i> Moderation: Petra Gombalova , Head of Division, Eastern Partnership, Regional Coop. and OSCE, EEAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, Secretary General, BSEC PERMIS • Szilvia Nemeth, Deputy Head of Unit, Healthy Ocean & Seas, DG RTD • Horia Teodorescu, President of the Balkan and Black Sea Commission of the CPMR, President of Tulcea County Council (Romania) • Subutay Yüksel, Deputy Director General, Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, 2021 CMA Turkish coordination
14.40 – 15.00	Plenary session 2: Cross fertilisation across sea basins <i>Insights on progress in supporting sustainable blue economy from the two other European sea basin strategies will be shared, providing useful elements that can inspire CMA implementation with additional comments from the upcoming 2022 CMA Georgian coordination.</i> Moderation: Christos Economou , Acting Director Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, DG MARE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniele Bosio, Coordinator, Maritime Affairs and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, WestMED Co-President • Dymphna Keogh, Maritime Affairs Attaché, Department of Foreign Affairs of Ireland, Atlantic Action Plan • Lasha Inauri, Head of Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, 2022 CMA Georgian Coordination
15.00 – 15.10	Introduction to project hackathon parallel sessions <i>A brief explanation of the hackathons will be provided by the BSAM Central Team. The aim of the hackathon sessions is to further engage regional stakeholders in the discussion on project ideas that emerged during previous CMA events at national and regional levels.</i>
15.10 – 15.15	Technical break (shift to parallel session rooms)

Project hackathon - three parallel sessions

■ CMA Goal 1: **healthy marine and coastal ecosystems**

*Among the main priorities under this goal are the protection and sustainability of the **marine ecosystem, reduction of marine pollution, support to innovative marine research infrastructures and effective environmental monitoring and observation.***

Introduction and moderation: **Iryna Makarenko**, Black Sea Commission

Project ideas to be discussed during the hackathon session

- **Establish a network between existing Marine Protected Areas**
- **Foster digitalisation and maritime high-techs devices in ports for water/air/environment quality and safety monitoring issues**

Final Q&A session with questions/comments for the participants

■ CMA Goal 2: **competitive, innovative and sustainable blue economy**

*The CMA identifies innovative business models, digital connectivity, as well as blue skills and blue careers as essential motors for sustainable innovation and the region's competitiveness, while **maritime transport and coastal and maritime tourism** represents a key segment of the regional economy.*

Introduction and moderation: **Georgia Chantzi**, International Centre for Black Sea Studies

Project ideas to be discussed during the hackathon session

- **Set-up a network to boost local green ports through coordinated pilot initiatives**
- **Support local strategies for digital tourism in coastal and maritime areas**, and as an opportunity to foster potentials for alternative tourism (e.g., **underwater cultural heritage**)

Final Q&A session with questions/comments for the participants

■ CMA Goal 3: **sustainable investment in the Black Sea blue economy**

A sustainable blue economy for the Black Sea requires support actions in terms of financial and business support. The CMA identifies several priorities in this area, such as a greater access to sustainable financial resources, as well as full support to entrepreneurship and clusters.

Introduction and moderation: **Baris Salihoglu**, BS CONNECT

Project ideas to be discussed during the hackathon session

- **Encouraging business hubs, business labs and accelerators**, as well as regular events for networking, matchmaking between businesses in the blue economy across the Black Sea
- **Supporting existing maritime clusters, as well as new generation innovation clusters**, to improve the cooperation across the region, **promoting SMEs and start-ups oriented towards the circular and blue economy**

Final Q&A session with questions/comments for the participants

16.10 – 16.20

Break

16.20 – 17.05

Plenary session 3:

Financing project opportunities for CMA implementation

By building on the discussion held throughout the regional conference, main donors and financing actors will discuss challenges and opportunities for financial support of project ideas.

Moderation: Nicholas Cendrowicz, Deputy Head of Unit for Georgia, Moldova, Economic Investment Plan, DG NEAR

- **Claus Schultze**, Senior Policy Analyst, DG MARE
- **Rieko Kubota**, Senior Environmental Engineer, World Bank
- **Panayotis Gavras**, Head- Policy and Strategy, Black Sea Trade & Development Bank
- **Julia Manning**, Associate Director, Senior Environmental Advisor, EBRD
- **Laura Bobarnac**, Black Sea CBC Programme, Head of unit, Directorate MA European Territorial Cooperation Programmes, Managing Authority-Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2014-2020

17.05 – 17.20

Plenary session 4:

Wrap-up of the project hackathon sessions

Wrap-up of the main outcomes of the project hackathons.

- Hackathon sessions moderators

17.20 – 17.30

Conclusions

- **Subutay Yüksel**, Deputy Director General, Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey,
- **Christos Economou**, Acting Director Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, DG MARE