



The aim of the event is to give visibility to all relevant Black Sea marine - related communities, including schools and pupils, teachers, marine science educators, stakeholders from marine-related sectors, NGOs, youth, policy-makers and government representatives, public institutions, researchers and academia, conservationists, entrepreneurs, other ocean professionals as well as general citizens. The event will bring together and discuss ongoing activities of the EU4Ocean coalition and its communities in the Black Sea, with a specific focus on Maritime litter (the thematic group of Healthy Ocean). It will give specific space to the interactions between Black Sea youth ambassadors and Young Ocean advocates, and discussions on bringing the education on the Black Sea into the classrooms with the relevant stakeholders. **Kicking off at the Black Sea Action Day with the Ocean Literacy festival activities, launching the projects of the Young Ocean advocates, and finishing with the panel discussions on how to move forward concrete initiatives in the Black Sea (in particular in the topics of marine litter and citizen science) with marine experts, policy makers, youth, educators, and general public and make a movement to make pledges for the #MakeEUBlue campaign for making and keeping the Black Sea Blue!**

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/maritimeforum/en/node/6610>

The event will be in English, and fully ONLINE (except for some activities for the Black Sea Action Day that will be held in Romania and other countries)

## Let's make the Black Sea blue - Blue Week at the Black Sea

### 29 October – Opening

10:00-11:30 CET  
High level opening  
Pitches from the Black Sea main actors  
  
Launch the campaign in the Black Sea

### 31 October Black Sea Action Day

ALL DAY  
DL FESTIVAL activities in different countries around Black Sea (on-site, online) #MakeEUBlue, #MakeBlackSeaBlue  
DL Festival activities on site in Romania (plogging, beach art, tik-tok festival, etc..) and online, including other countries of the Black Sea

### 5 November – Main event

9:00-11:00 CET  
Let's make the Black Sea Blue! - Advancing Ocean Literacy in the Black Sea thematic groups (Marine litter)

09:00-11:00  
Youth in the Black Sea: projects of the DL Advocates, synergies, etc...

10:00-11:30  
Bringing the sea to the school – discussion with the existing Blue Schools, main actors/educators networks

12:00-13:00  
High-level closing: Ocean Literacy in the Black Sea – key messages and way forward

2-3 November  
Black Sea Young Ambassadors online Autumn School

4 November  
SEARICA event: Marine Litter in the Danube and the Black Sea region

## AGENDA

### 29/10 Opening of the 'Let's make the Black Sea blue!' event

10:00-11:30 CET	<p><b>Official opening of the event:</b></p> <p><b>10:00 – 10:20 Welcoming words</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marian Paiu, Mare Nostrum and Olga Mashkina, ACTeon, EU4Ocean coalition</li> <li>○ Andreea Strachinescu, DGMARE</li> <li>○ Irina Makarenko, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution</li> <li>○ Frederick Herpers Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Team Leader of the CMA assistance mechanism / Black Sea Economic Cooperation</li> </ul> <p><b>10:20 – 10:50 Ocean actors in the Black Sea: how their work contributes to supporting Ocean Literacy in the region, challenges and where to put priorities. Panel discussion with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Irina Makarenko, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution</li> <li>○ Frederick Herpers, Team Leader of the CMA assistance mechanism / Black Sea Economic Cooperation</li> <li>○ Thanos Smanis, Black Sea Economic Cooperation - Black Sea Virtual Knowledge Center</li> <li>○ Stavros Kalognomos CPMR – Balkan and Black Sea Commission, Searica Group</li> <li>○ Laura Boicenco, National Institute for Marine Research and Development “Grigore Antipa”</li> <li>○ Black Sea CONNECT, tbc</li> </ul> <p><b>10:50 – 11:05 Pitches from the EU4Ocean communities for the workshops on 5<sup>th</sup> (15 min)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nathalie van Isacker, EU4Ocean platform</li> <li>○ Tymon Zielinski - thematic groups</li> <li>○ Maelle Montier, Youth4Ocean Forum</li> <li>○ Ana Noronha, the Network of EU Blue Schools</li> </ul> <p><b>11:05 – 11:15 Launch of the #MakeEUBlue campaign in the Black Sea! - #MakeBlackSeaBlue (10 min)</b> - Farah Obaidullah, Women4Ocean</p> <p><b>11:15 – 11:20 Closing words</b> – Andreea STRACHINESCU, DGMARE</p> <p><b>11:20 – 11:30 Blue week at the Black Sea (31/10 – 5/11) overview of events</b> - Anca Gheorghe, Mare Nostrum</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Marian Paiu, Mare Nostrum</p>
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### 31/10 – 5/11/2021 Blue Week at the Black Sea: [OL festival in the Black Sea](#)

31/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Black Sea Action Day - Plogging in Constanta</li> <li>- <a href="#">Plogging week and litter art'</a> October 31st – November 5th</li> <li>- <a href="#">Black Sea 'TikTok Festival'</a> October 31st – November 5th</li> <li>- <a href="#">Discover the European Atlas of the Seas by visiting a virtual exhibition!</a></li> <li>- Black Sea CONNECT Art Fair "<a href="#">Healing the Black Sea by Art'</a>"</li> </ul>
2-3/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Black Sea Young Ambassadors' Autumn School (internal training event)</li> </ul>
4/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Searica event: <a href="#">Marine Litter in the Danube and the Black Sea region: concrete proposals from the regions</a></li> </ul>

## 5/11/2021 Let's Make the Black Sea Blue! - main event

<p><b>9:00-11:00</b> <b>CET</b></p>	<p><b>Advancing ocean literacy around the topics relevant to the Black Sea :</b>            9:00 – 9:05 – Opening   Tymon Zielinski, IOPAN            9:05 – 9:15 - Presentation of the activities of the thematic Group „Healthy Ocean” of the EU4Ocean   Elisa Baldrighi            9:15 – 9:30 - Presentation of the activities of the thematic Group „Ocean and Climate” of the EU4Ocean   Tymon Zielinski            9:30 – 9:45 - Outcomes and key messages from the SEARICA event   Stavros Kalognomos CPMR            9:45 – 10:15 - Ocean literacy in the Marine litter projects in the Black Sea (panel discussion)            - EMBLAS project - Maria Pogojeva            - Anemone project – Laura Boicenco            - RedMarLiter project – Maria Carataş            - LitOUTer project – Fatma TELLİ KARAKOÇ / Coskun Eruz            - Marliter project – speaker tbc            - AQUALIT – Mariana Mata Lara            10:15 – 10:30 – Futures Ocean Literacy activities in Black Sea – Doors Project and EuroGOOS network   Dina Eparkhina            10:30 – 10:45 - Discussion: ideas, solutions and common actions that can be carried out by the EU4Ocean coalition in the Black Sea basin            10:45 – 11:00 - Conclusions and way forward: priorities, common actions, membership of Platform, #MakeBlackSea Blue!</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Tymon Zielinski, IOPAN</p>
<p><b>09:00-10:30</b> <b>CET</b></p>	<p><b>Mobilizing Youth in the Black Sea</b>            9:00 – 9:05 - Opening   Maelle Montier, Nausicaa            9:05 – 9:15 - Pitching from Young Ocean Advocate from the Youth4Ocean   Milena Radjenovic            9:15 – 9:30 - Black Sea Young Ambassadors (CONNECT2BlackSea)   Selma Menabit            9:30 – 10:00 - Discussion on how to combine/get synergies, collaborate, what are common needs, issues and solutions            10:00 – 10:15 - Coaching and mentoring - Blue Generation            10:15 – 10:30 - Future activities/trainings</p> <p><b>Moderator: Maelle Montier</b></p>
<p><b>10:00-11:30</b> <b>CET</b></p>	<p><b>Bringing the sea to the classrooms in the Black Sea countries</b>            10.00 – 10.05 - Opening   Vanessa Batista, Ciência Viva            10.05 – 10.15 – The Network of European Blue Schools   Evy Copejans, EMSEA            10.15 – 10.25 – Mare Nostrum NGO   Andreea Ionaşcu            10.25 – 10.30 – Q&amp;A            10.30 – 10.40 – Black Sea Blue School Romania   Carmen Bucovală, „Ovidius” High-school            10.40 – 10.50 – Black Sea Blue School Turkey            10.50 – 11.00 – Black Sea Blue School Georgia   David Tsiskaridze, International Business and Economic Center            11.00 – 11.05 – Q&amp;A            11.05 – 11.20 – The European Atlas of the Seas   Nathalie, EMODnet Secretariat            11.20 – 11.30 – Closing session   Vanessa, Ciência Viva</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Vanessa Batista, Ciência Viva</p>
<p><b>12:00-13:00</b> <b>CET</b></p>	<p><b>Closing of the event</b>  <b>12:00 – 12:15 Key messages</b> and results from the sessions of the marine litter, other thematic session work, Young Ocean advocates, Blue Schools            - Olga Mashkina / Pierre STROSSER, ACTeon - EU4Ocean Coalition - coordinator            - Maelle Montier, Nausicaá Centre National de la Mer - Youth4Ocean Forum</p>

- Vanessa Batista, Ciencia Viva / EMSEA - Network of European Blue Schools

**12:15 – 12:30 Reactions and key messages** from high level on how for moving forward

- MEP Carmen AVRAM, SEARICA (video address)
- Irina Makarenko, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution
- Andy Kontoudakis, DG MARE

**12:30 – 12:45 Showcasing Black Sea Ocean Literacy festival activities – Anca Gheorghe, Mare Nstrum NGO**

**12:45 – 13:00 #MakeBlackSeaBlue** –looking back at the pledges, QR code, polls

- Farah Obaidullah, Women4Ocean

**Moderator:** Marian Paiu, Mare Nostrum