

Integration of sustainable blue economy in Georgian national economy

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Georgian National Event

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The goal of the event: development of potential of blue economy is essential for encouraging sustainable development of economy of Georgia. The process requires active involvement of governmental organizations, private sector and civil society. Therefore, the event will aim at informing the national stakeholders about available opportunities and best practices for Georgia.

Draft agenda

Online Event

Date: 26 April 2022

Time: 15:00 Georgian Time (GMT+4) | 13:00 CET

Speaking language: Georgian with interpretation in English

15:00- 15:10 **Welcome speech** (Event moderator: Mamuka Berdzenishvili, CMA GE National Hub)

15:10 -15:40 **Introductory remarks**

- Lasha Inauri - Head of Department of International Relations and Euro- integration of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia
- Rati Devadze– Acting head of Transport and Logistics Development Policy Department of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
- Patrizia Busolini, Policy Officer, DG MARE
- Representative of EU Delegation in Georgia -TBC

15:40 – 16:20 Tools and mechanisms for promoting sustainable development of Black Sea blue economy (10 minutes for each presentation max)

- The role of CMA in development of blue economy in Georgia – Natia Miminoshvili, CMA GE National Hub
- The role of SRIA and BRIDGE for the blue economy development in Georgia -Salome Kobaidze, representative of SRIA from the TSU, Georgia
- Example of cooperation, Professor Eden Mamut - Black Sea Universities Network - EMFAF call - Flagship projects promoting sustainable blue economy through regional maritime cooperation in the Black Sea
- Georgian Sustainable Smart Specialization Strategy (S4) – Nodar Dzidzikashvili Strategic Innovation Agency

16:20-16:30 Break

Discussions held simultaneously

The discussions aim at looking at those issues from the perspective of blue economy development in Georgia and highlight the needs that will be addressed in the frames of the future projects

16:30 – 17:00 Discussion 1 – Black Sea environment: prevention of marine pollution, marine biodiversity in Georgia

Moderator: Mamuka Gvilava, Project DOORS coordinator in Georgia

- An invited expert: Ramaz Miqeladze - Fishery, Aquaculture and marine biodiversity department, Georgian National Environmental Agency
- An invited expert: Irine Baramidze – Department of environmental pollution monitoring, Georgian National Environmental Agency
- An invited expert: Irine Lomashvili – Department of biodiversity and forestry, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

16:30 – 17:00 Discussion 2 – Support SMEs and start-ups to boost innovation, digitalization and investment in the Black Sea blue economy of Georgia

Moderator: Mamuka Berdzenishvili, Tourism Institute

- An invited expert - Ilze Atanasova, Maritime cluster Bulgaria -TBC
- An invited expert –Kristine Dzidziguri, Deputy Head of Department of Tourism and Resorts of Adjara A.R.
- An invited expert – Jaba Tarimanashvili, Trans Logistic LLC Maritime and Freight Forwarding services

17:00 – 17:20 Summary of discussions

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- Mamuka Berdzenishvili, Tourism Institute

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- Mamuka Berdzenishvili, CMA GE National Hub