

BLACK SEA Stakeholder Conference 2023

Joining Efforts for a Sustainable, Modern and Competitive Blue Economy

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Day 1- 22 November 2023. Policy exchange: A sustainable, modern and competitive Black Sea blue economy

Time EET

13:00-13:30

Registration and Welcome Coffee

13:30-14:00

Opening Session

- Official welcome from Romania
- EU Commission, Directorate-General Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- Overview of 2-day agenda

14:00-14:45

CMA as key opportunity for the Black Sea blue economy (Moderated roundtable)

The session aims to provide an overview of CMA overall framework in support of a sustainable blue economy in the Black Sea. It is an opportunity to reflect on challenges and next steps towards its full implementation, both at the regional and national level.

- CMA in the context of EU sea-basin strategies – EU Commission
- CMA 2023 implementation: priorities and progress – RO CMA Coordination
- Overview of country priorities and national roadmaps – Black Sea Assistance Mechanism National Hubs

14:45-15:30

This session allows relevant regional projects and initiatives to showcase results foreseen and achieved so far, as well as reflect on regional stakeholder needs as possible areas for future CMA support under Goal 1.



1st thematic session: Healthy marine and coastal ecosystems (Moderated roundtable)

- ECODALLI project, Mission Ocean: contribution to ecosystem preservation - TBC
- SRIA Implementation Plan, BS CONNECT, BRIDGE – results, emerging opportunities and way forward - TBC
- Blueing the Black Sea Programme (BBSEA) findings and support for pollution reduction in the Black Sea (World Bank) - TBC
- GFCM FAO tools to ensure sustainable exploitation of living resources in the Black Sea - TBC
- Q&A – gathered on sli.do, most voted questions answered in plenary

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15:30-16:00

COFFEE BREAK



16:00-16:45

First strategic exchange on the role of public and private investment for a sustainable and competitive blue economy in the Black Sea (CMA Goal 3). Focus will be on challenges and opportunities for the green and digital transition of maritime industries. Organised in partnership with BlueInvest.



2nd thematic session: Fostering investment for entrepreneurship (Moderated roundtable)

- Experts on sustainable blue economy in the Black Sea
- Representatives of regional and international banks and financial institutions
- Q&A – gathered on sli.do, most voted questions answered in plenary

16:45 – 17:15

This session allows relevant regional projects and initiatives to showcase results foreseen and achieved so far, as well as reflect on regional stakeholder needs as possible areas for future CMA support, under Goal 2.



3rd thematic session: Blue skills and support for innovation ecosystems (Moderated roundtable)

- How the Black Sea Accelerator can support blue specialization and innovation (BRIDGE - DOORS) - TBC
- Smart Specialization Sustainable Blue Economy Platform and partnerships to boost innovation (S3 Community of Practice Secretariat) - TBC
- Regional projects and initiatives supporting Blue skills - TBC
- Q&A – gathered on sli.do, most voted questions answered in plenary

17:15-17:30

Closing remarks

17:30-18:00

Free Tour of the Romanian National Bank Museum (Optional)

18:00-20:30

NETWORKING COCKTAIL (CMA RO coordinator)

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Day 2- 23 November 2023. Practitioner exchange: Hackathons and Matchmaking sessions

Time EET

9:00-9:30

Registration and Welcome Coffee

9:30-12:30

BlueInvest Workshop

Welcome remarks:

Romania

EU Commission



Spotlight: Black Sea Investors

pitches from investor profiles from the Black Sea

Spotlight: Sustainable blue technologies from the Black Sea

pitches from companies with sustainable technologies from the Black Sea

Moderated Q&A

Investors, companies, audience

BlueInvest in Action

Coaching session for attending companies. BlueInvest and the Black Sea Accelerator present market pathways.

9:30-12:30

CMA Sustainable Aquaculture Technical Group

Kick-off meeting

- Parallel meeting (closed doors)

12:30-14:30

BUFFET LUNCH



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Interactive exhibition (projects and businesses showcase)

- Dedicated passageway room

Black Sea projects or businesses show (under request) a poster about their initiative in an interactive exhibition area.

14:30-16:00

Hackathons parallel sessions Separate rooms (roundtable discussions)

Building on previous exchanges and results from the CMA regional event (May 2023), these participative sessions allow for stakeholder exchange to foster project ideas on specific topics.

Blue Skills: gaps and needs for a resilient Black Sea blue economy community

Greening Maritime Transport & Ports: roadmap and decarbonization opportunities

Coastal and maritime tourism: underwater cultural heritage and other forms of tourism in the current geo-political context

14:00-16:00

SRIA Operational Network of Funders (TBC)

Parallel meeting (closed doors)

16:00-16:15

COFFEE BREAK



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16:15-16:45

Black Sea Project Award



Announcement of the winners of the 3 project award categories



Pitching of category winners to a selection panel, competing for overall 2023 Black Sea Project Award (3 projects, 1 winner)



Q&A with selection panel



Voting for the Black Sea Project Award 2023



Announcement of the winner

16:45-17:00

Final remarks and closing

- EU Commission
- RO CMA coordinator

**End of
the
Conference**