

COMMON MARITIME AGENDA FOR THE BLACK SEA

Stakeholder Conference 2024

Radisson Blu Leograd Hotel

77, Mitropolit Varlaam, Chişinău, Moldova



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Day 1, 11 September 2024, EET

Black Sea Common Maritime Agenda Stakeholder Conference

8:45 – 9:30 **Registration** *(Accompanied by a welcome coffee)*

9:30 – 9:45 **Opening session**

Raut Meeting Room

Master of ceremony – Mihaela Mirea Black Sea Assistance Mechanism.

Official welcome

Moldova National Coordinator: Sergiu Lazarencu, Minister, Ministry of Environment
Moldova

European Commission: Christos Economou, Head of Unit, (DG MARE)

Geopolitical developments in the region

European External Action Service: Raluca NECULAESCU, Division for Regional Eastern
Partnership, Regional Cooperation & OSCE (EURCA.CARO.1)

9:45 – 10:40 **Plenary session 1 - Marine scientific knowledge for the Black Sea blue economy**

Raut Meeting Room

Moderated discussion by Mihaela Mirea, Black Sea Assistance Mechanism.

The session supports CMA Goal I – Healthy marine and coastal ecosystems and aims to bring together recently generated knowledge through the main research projects supported in the region.

Understanding the Black Sea ecosystem's value, through the System of Systems platform,
Irina Stanciu (DOORS project, Horizon-2020 EU funded project)

Empowering riverine and coastal communities through ocean literacy, Afşin Yusuf
Çetinkaya (SHORE project. Horizon-Europe EU funded project)

Stakeholder engagement in addressing Black Sea multi-stressors, Barış Salihoğlu (BRIDGE
project, Horizon-2020 EU funded project)

Q&A – gathered on sli.do, most voted questions answered in plenary

10:40 – 11:10 **Coffee break** - *Main foyer*

11:10 – 12:00 **Plenary session 2 –Challenges and opportunities on the Black Sea's path to
sustainability and zero pollution**

Raut Meeting Room

Moderated discussion by Thanos Smanis, Black Sea Assistance Mechanism.

The session supports CMA Goal II: A competitive, innovative and sustainable blue economy for the Black Sea and aims to showcase the most recent projects addressing Black Sea's pollution and sustainability challenges, considering the various funding opportunities in the region.

Preparedness level for tackling new forms of marine pollution, Ioana Chiulan (BLACK SEA SIERRA project, EMFAF EU funded project)

Black Sea living labs to address persistent chemical pollutants, Aleksandar Shivarov (SOSZEROPOL2030 project, Horizon Europe EU Funded project)

Building excellence in scientific research of algae farming, Laura Boicenco/Florin Timofte (EX-AQUA project, Horizon Europe EU Funded project – WIDERA Twinning Green Deal)

Q&A – gathered on sli.do, most voted questions answered in plenary

12:00 –12:50

Plenary session 3 – Innovation perspectives for the Black Sea's blue economy community

Raut Meeting Room

Moderated discussion by Matteo Bocci, Black Sea Assistance Mechanism.

The session supports CMA Goal III: Fostering Investment in the Black Sea Blue Economy aims to present regional investment opportunities for highly innovative companies as well as successful initiatives in the blue economy sectors.

Transforming plastic waste into energy in riverine areas, Roger Preston (Tresoil company)

Using AI to tackle marine litter pollution in the Black Sea, Sorina Uleia (Recycllux company)

Blue biochemicals based on macroalgae farming, Kubilay Yıldırım (QBIOTECH CHEMICALS company)

Q&A – gathered on sli.do, most voted questions answered in plenary

12:50 –14:00

Networking lunch - Main foyer

13:30 –14:00

Poster exhibition launch - Main foyer

14:00 –15:30

Parallel co-creation workshops: key priority areas for the future

1. Decarbonisation and energy transition of the Black Sea maritime and riverine transport and ports - Moderated discussion by Black Sea Assistance Mechanism, Facilitator – Venera Domi, Black Sea Economic and Cooperation – Blue Lounge Hall

2. Blue economy skills and ocean literacy for existing and emerging Black Sea jobs - Moderated discussion by Black Sea Assistance Mechanism, Facilitator – Stavros Kalognomos, Balkan & Black Sea Commission – Begonia Hall

3. Black Sea ecosystem conservation, plastic pollution management and circularity opportunities in a land-sea perspective - Moderated discussion by Black Sea Assistance Mechanism, Facilitator – Irina Makarenko, Black Sea Commission - Raut Meeting Room

The co-creation workshops aim to engage stakeholder in a highly interactive session to be moderated by National Hubs, with the support of some of the CMA observers. These sessions are meant to identify key policy, research and funding priorities and generate future cooperation ideas that stakeholders, the scientific community, and policymakers can consider adopting to support and further develop the Black Sea sustainable blue economy.

Discussions will be structured around the identification of

- a) emerging priorities and innovative ideas in each specific area
- b) existing obstacles and bottlenecks
- c) opportunities and next steps

The main outcomes of these co-creation workshops will be re-elaborated into a **summary paper with policy feedback** to the CMA Steering Group (current and future CMA coordinator, members and observers) and to the European Commission on **key priority areas** for the design of future cooperation opportunities (i.e., regional initiatives, stakeholder events, calls for proposals, etc.). The summary paper will be made public on the CMA website and widely circulated among Black Sea stakeholders after the conference as a basis for further work.

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break - Main foyer

16:00 –16:15 Main takeaways from the 3 co-creation workshops
Presenter – Mihaela Mirea, Black Sea Assistance Mechanism

16:15 –16:45 Black Sea project awards
Moderator – Mihaela Mirea, Black Sea Assistance Mechanism

16:45 –17:00 Closing session

Moldova National Coordinator: Grigore Stratulat, Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment

European Commission: Christos Economou, Head of Unit, (DG MARE)

17.30 –21:15 Dinner in Cricova winery (offered by the Ministry of Environment Moldova)

Day 2, 12 September 2024, EET

Common Maritime Agenda Working sessions – only for members

9:30 – 11:15

Steering Committee meeting (in parallel)

Begonia Hall

9:30 – 11:15

Sustainable aquaculture technical group meeting (in parallel)

Blu Lounge Hall

11:15 – 11:45

Coffee Break
