

# The Black Sea Assistance Mechanism Newsletter

## Latest news



**MARTERA CALL 2021:** MarTERA (Maritime and Marine Technologies for a New Era) has launched a fourth joint call for transnational research and innovation projects on 01 March 2021. This call was initiated by ministries and funding organisations from nine (9) countries: Belarus, Belgium, Germany, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, South Africa, and Turkey.

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**Eastern Partnership Multilateral Dimension and The Black Sea Synergy - BSEC PERMIS:** A Grant Contract entitled “Support to the Implementation of the Eastern Partnership Multilateral Dimension, Northern Dimension and the Black Sea Synergy- BSEC PERMIS” was signed on 28 December 2020 by the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador, Michael B. Christides, and Mr. Vassilis Maragos, Head of Unit, Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR), on behalf of the European Commission. [To read more click here.](#)



**Reconnect, Rethink, Recover:** From 1 to 5 March 2021, DG REGIO will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> EU MRS Week digitally, under the motto Reconnect, Rethink, Recover. The event will tackle a number of important issues: reconnecting MRS key implementers, stakeholders and representatives of EU institutions will be vital to rethinking how to cooperate and prioritise MRS objectives in order to best recover from the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 with concrete actions on the ground.

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**LitOUTer (Raising Public Awareness and Reducing Marine Litter for Protection of the Black Sea Ecosystem)** aims to fight marine pollution in the Black Sea through cooperation. Four coastal countries will be involved in cross border cooperation to find a permanent solution to reduce litter in the Black Sea.

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## Events Overview

**25 February 2021**  
Greening the coast and blueing the sea for a resilient Georgia. - [link](#)

**1 – 5 March 2021**  
2nd EU Macro-Regional Strategies week (EU MRS week). - [link](#)

**3 March 2021**  
Financial instruments of implementation support of CMA and SRIA in Ukraine - [link](#)

**11 March 2021**  
Consultation on the design of blueing the Black Sea programme. - [link](#)

**17 March 2021**  
Presentation of the Ocean Framework: a platform to help companies measure and reduce their impact on the ocean. - [link](#)

**13 April 2021**  
Organised by the Turkish coordination of the CMA for the Black Sea, webinar on Underwater Cultural Heritage and Exploration of Potential Sites in the Black Sea. - [link](#)

**7 April 2021**  
INVITATION BSUN Master Course on Blue Growth: Microbiology and Genetic Engineering. - [link](#)

**13-14 April 2021**  
Learning webinar about the Pilot call for proposals the EIT has announced. - [link](#)

**20 - 21 May 2021**  
European Maritime Day 2021-Den Helder, The Netherlands - [link](#)

3 March 2021 | EVENT | FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS OF IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT OF CMA AND SRIA IN UKRAINE



To support the implementation of the Common Maritime Agenda (CMA) for the Black Sea at national level, the Black Sea Assistance Mechanism (BSAM), together with its National Hub in Ukraine, organised an event to:

- provide a full insight into the tools and assistance available in Ukraine for an effective implementation of the CMA and its research and innovation pillar, the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda for the Black Sea, for a healthy and sustainable blue economy;
- share issues and best practices on EU funding calls;
- provide practical guidance to the various stakeholders in the Ukrainian blue economy.

Initiated by the BSAM, the national event raised awareness of the opportunities presented by the blue economy in the Black Sea region for the upcoming EU funding possibilities. These funding possibilities could enable Ukraine to support their commitment to the CMA implementation at national and regional level thanks to cooperation for instance with the World Bank via Blueing the Black Sea.

The event also provided the opportunity for sharing best practices and lessons learnt from national stakeholders in previous bidding for EU calls.

Approximately 100 participants from the following countries attended the event: Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Netherlands, Romania, Turkey, and Ukraine.

[The presentation of the event and its respective results can be found here.](#)



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