

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMON MARITIME AGENDA FOR THE BLACK SEA

Unlocking the potential of the Blue Economy in the Black Sea

The Common Maritime Agenda (CMA) for the Black Sea is a regional cooperation initiative within the Black Sea Synergy. It promotes collaborative solutions for a sustainable blue economy, fostering regional dialogue and maritime projects while preserving the marine environment.

Established by the 6 participating countries (Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Türkiye and Ukraine) and supported by the European Commission, the CMA is a unique cooperation framework, reinforcing regional dialogue between countries and stakeholders to jointly address challenges and opportunities of the blue economy sectors in the area. Complementing the CMA, the Strategic Research, and Innovation Agenda for the Black Sea (SRIA) contributes valuable scientific insights for informed decision-making.

Through the CMA, the Black Sea region aligns itself with other two EU sea basin initiatives, in setting a basin-wide initiative for blue growth based on the sustainable use of maritime and marine sectors.

Countries Involved



Goals



Healthy marine and coastal ecosystems

A competitive, innovative, and sustainable Blue Economy for the Black Sea



Fostering Investment in the Black Sea Blue Economy

Priorities

10 priorities and actions for the promotion of enhanced cooperation on maritime affairs and sustainable blue economy among the participating countries.

Healthy marine and coastal ecosystems:

- Ensure the protection and sustainability of the marine ecosystem.
- Address marine pollution and plastic litter
- Support sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the Black Sea.
- Supporting innovative marine research infrastructures in the Black Sea.
- Encourage the production, management, and sharing of marine and coastal environmental knowledge for effective environmental monitoring and observation.

A competitive, innovative, and sustainable blue economy for the Black Sea

- Foster innovative business models, stimulate research and innovation, and sustainable growth and up-to-date jobs.
- Promote transport and digital connectivity of the Black Sea.
- Promote blue skills and blue careers as an engine for innovation and competitiveness.

Fostering Investment in the Black Sea Blue Economy

- Improve access to financial resources and promote sustainable investment in the blue economy.
- Promote maritime entrepreneurship and clusters.

Black Sea CMA Stakeholder Conference 2023



Governance

The European Commission has set up the Black Sea Assistance Mechanism (BSAM) to support the implementation of the Common Maritime Agenda (CMA) for the Black Sea. BSAM collaborates with the CMA Steering Committee, providing operational and administrative support. It helps organise events, develop projects, and offer guidance on blue economy funding opportunities at the regional and national level. The BSAM is reinforced by the support provided by National Hubs in each participating country.

Main Figures (2023)

30 Projects relevant to the Black Sea identified

3 Steering Committee Meetings held

1 Conferences/Branded Events

4692 Visits to the website

Followers/Recipients

422 LinkedIn

1057 X (former Twitter)

922 Newsletter

Posts and news items

114 LinkedIn Posts

91 X Posts

3 Newsletter

Success Stories

4BIZ

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Assistance Mechanism

A joint EU Sea Basins approach.

In 2022, a unique Assistance Mechanism was created to help support the implementation of the three EU Sea Basin Strategies, namely Atlantic Strategy, the WestMED Initiative and the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea.

It will do so by exchanging best practices and organising national and regional events with themes that have a clear cross sea basin relevance.

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