

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMON MARITIME AGENDA FOR THE BLACK SEA

Building bridges for a blue tomorrow

The Common Maritime Agenda (CMA) for the Black Sea is a regional cooperation initiative established in May 2019, following the commitment of the Burgas Ministerial Declaration (2018). It fosters a collaborative environment for regional stakeholders, promoting a sustainable blue economy and maritime projects while preserving the marine ecosystem.

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. The CMA strives to align country priorities around the Black Sea with European priorities. 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, the Atlantic Strategy and the WestMED Initiative, in setting a basin-wide initiative for blue growth, based on the sustainable use of the maritime and marine sectors and resources.



GOALS & PRIORITIES



Healthy marine and coastal ecosystems

1. Ensure the protection and sustainability of the marine ecosystem.
2. Address marine pollution and plastic litter
3. Support sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the Black Sea.
4. Supporting innovative marine research infrastructures in the Black Sea.
5. 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

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



Fostering investment in the Black Sea blue economy

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

BLACK SEA CMA STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE



+100

17

PARTICIPANTS

COUNTRIES

Common Maritime Agenda
for the Black Sea



GOVERNANCE

The European Commission established the Black Sea Assistance Mechanism (BSAM) to support the implementation of the Common Maritime Agenda (CMA) for the Black Sea. BSAM works with the CMA Steering Committee, providing operational and administrative support. It ensures stakeholder engagement by offering expertise, monitoring timelines and KPIs, facilitating communication, and promoting funding opportunities. Additionally, BSAM provides administrative assistance at regional and national levels, fosters synergies, engages blue economy stakeholders, and supports adherence to CMA goals.

MAIN FIGURES



Organised Steering Group Meetings and SustAqua Technical group meetings



Projects awarded in the framework of BSAM Project Awards



Branded events #CMAinmycountry and conferences (2)



Identified projects relevant to BSAM



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SUCCESS STORIES



ANEMONE



The Black Sea
Accelerator



Black Sea Accelerator



 Recycllux

Recycllux



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. The Assistance Mechanism will continue its mission, by sharing success stories, organising national and regional events with cross-cutting themes and real-time exchange of best practices, supporting project ideas that have a clear cross sea basin relevance.

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