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Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea

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Day 1, 28 October 2025, EET

Black Sea Common Maritime Agenda Stakeholder Conference

8:45 – 9:30	**Registration. Bring your pledge for a resilient Black Sea** *(Accompanied by a welcome coffee)*
9:30 – 9:45	**Welcome remarks - Opening session** *(Master of ceremony: Mihaela Mirea, Black Sea Assistance Mechanism)* ***Ukrainian National Coordinator*** ***European Commission*** (DG MARE)
9:45 – 10:15	**Scene setter panel: the European Ocean Pact and the new EU's strategic approach to the Black Sea region** ***DG MARE*** ***Other EU Commission DGs/Services European Commission***
10:15 –10:45	**Plenary session 1 - Black Sea today and tomorrow: Ocean literacy for marine ecosystem resilience** *Moderator: Mihaela Mirea* • Stavros Kalognomos, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions - CPMR, CUL-MAR-SKILLS and TOURAL projects • Marian Paiu, Mare Nostrum NGO, EU4Ocean coalition • Erdem Vardar, Yuva Association, Environmental and Ocean Literacy in the Black Sea Basin project Q&A – on sli.do This session explores how enhanced ocean literacy can strengthen marine ecosystem resilience in the Black Sea region through an ecosystem-based approach. By promoting public awareness, effective scientific communication, and inclusive stakeholder engagement, the session will emphasise the importance of understanding human–ocean interactions and managing marine resources holistically.
10:45 – 11.15	**Coffee break and poster exhibition launch**
11:15 – 11:45	**Plenary session 2 – Black Sea today and tomorrow: emerging innovations in energy transition and spatial planning** *Moderator: Thanos Smanis*

	• Gema San Bruno Feio, European Commission – CINEA, Energy Transition Partnership for EU Fisheries & Aquaculture • Natasa Vadianu, Black Sea geographical expert of MSP- AM • Milen Baltov, Free University of Burgas, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Q&A – on sli.do This session explores innovations and strategies driving offshore renewable energy and maritime spatial planning in the Black Sea region. It will highlight how technology and integrated planning support a low-carbon, blue economy, while fostering cross-sector cooperation, inclusive development, and a resilient energy transition.
11:45– 12:15	**Plenary session 3 – Black Sea today and tomorrow: Financing innovation and start-ups at coastal community level** *Moderator: Matteo Bocci* • Glen Pearce Oroz, UNOPS, Blueing the Black Sea Programme • Birgit Sandu Gociu, European Commission - DG REGIO • Tetiana Shulichenko, Department of Economic Development, Mykolaiv City Council Q&A – on sli.do This session explores practical financing approaches to support early-stage innovation and start-up activity at the local level in the Black Sea region. Building on lessons from the Black Sea Accelerator, the discussion will focus on ways to improve access to funding. Participants will consider examples of regional investment tools and basic financial support models that can help foster small-scale innovation and local economic development in coastal and maritime communities.
12:15 – 13:00	**Waves of change: showcasing regional projects that make a difference** Pitch presentations of 3 regional projects, followed by 5-minute audience advice intervention • Marian Paiu, Exorcising the BLACK Sea's Silent Killers – BlackNETs • Alina Soceanu, Harnessing Algae Power for Pollution Reduction and Blue Growth – AlgaeRevive • Tzvetalina Genova, Interdisciplinary Solutions for Smart Sustainable Tourism and Services for Blue Growth in the Black Sea Basin - INTERSMARTS
13:00 –14:00	**Networking lunch**

14:00 –15:30 **Parallel workshops: Civic agora debate for coastal communities' resilience**

1. Blue dilemma – ocean literacy and innovative blue skills

Description:

This interactive workshop invites participants to explore how ocean literacy and future-focused blue skills can strengthen the resilience of coastal communities in the Black Sea region. Through guided discussions and collaborative idea generation, participants will co-create two actionable programme proposals to address identified gaps in education, training, and engagement.

Outcome:

Two programme ideas will be submitted to the National Hubs for further development under the Sea Basin Assistance Mechanism.

2. Blue dilemma – maritime spatial planning and offshore renewable energy

Description:

This participatory workshop engages stakeholders in developing two project ideas that promote fair and inclusive maritime spatial planning (MSP), with a particular focus on balancing offshore renewable energy, fisheries and aquaculture, biodiversity conservation, maritime tourism, and coastal community needs.

Outcome:

Participants will produce two concrete project proposals to be shared with the National Hubs and considered in the wider regional coordination on inclusive MSP and renewable energy planning.

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 –16:30 **Black Sea project awards**

16:30 –17:00 **Debrief from the Parallel workshops: stakeholders' proposals for a resilient and inclusive Black Sea future**

17:00 –17:15 **Closing session - United efforts for a resilient Black Sea – Presenting the graphical representation of the pledges**

Ukrainian National Coordinator
European Commission (DG MARE)

17:15-19:00 **Optional: Cazino Constanta guided tour (offered in groups)**

Day 2, 29 October 2025, EET

Common Maritime Agenda Working sessions – only for members

9:00 – 11:00	**Technical Group meeting – Sustainable Tourism (in parallel)** *(Prestige lobby, Continental Forum)*
09:00-10:30	**Technical Group meeting – Sustainable Aquaculture (in parallel)** *(Prestige room, Continental Forum)*
11:00-12:30	**Steering Committee meeting** *(Prestige room, Continental Forum)*
12:30 – 13:00	**Light lunch**