

# MAKING WAVES & UNITING STAKEHOLDERS

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The Common Maritime Agenda (CMA) for the Black Sea aims to promote a sustainable blue economy, strengthen innovation and competitiveness and support investment in the region, while ensuring the protection and resilience of marine and coastal ecosystems, with the support of the European Commission and the National Coordinators of the 6 participating countries.

As the region's shared maritime strategy, the CMA provides a collaborative platform where countries work together to tackle cross-border challenges on their way to achieving the CMA goals and priorities.



## Goals



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.
4. Supporting innovative marine research infrastructures.
5. Encourage the production, management, and sharing of marine and coastal environmental knowledge for effective environmental monitoring and observation.

1. Foster innovative business models, stimulate research and innovation and sustainable development 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.



A competitive, innovative and sustainable blue economy



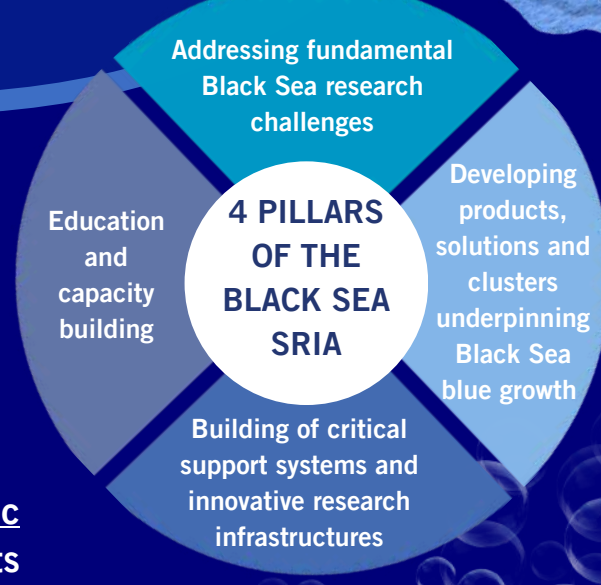
Fostering investment in the Black Sea blue economy

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

It also aligns with broader European Union initiatives, such as the European Green Deal, the European Ocean Pact, the EU's strategic approach to the Black Sea and the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive, recognising the crucial role that regional cooperation plays even among non-EU member states.

Complementing the CMA, the Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) supports evidence-based decision-making by advancing marine science, research, and innovation in the region.

Through the CMA, the Black Sea region aligns itself with other three EU sea basin initiatives, the Atlantic Strategy and the WestMED Initiative and the GNSBI, setting a basin-wide initiative for blue growth, based on the sustainable use of the maritime and marine sectors and resources.



## Black Sea Stakeholder Conference



~150  
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Cazinoul Constanța, Romania | 28 October 2025

## Governance & Black Sea Assistance Mechanism

To support the implementation of the Common Maritime Agenda, the European Commission established the Black Sea Assistance Mechanism (BSAM). The BSAM provides strategic, technical, and administrative support to ensure the effective execution of CMA goals. Working closely with the CMA Steering Committee, national coordinators, and stakeholders across the region, the BSAM:

- Facilitates communication and knowledge
- Promotes regional cooperation and stakeholder engagement
- Provides logistical and organisational support
- Supports the development and monitoring of project ideas and funding opportunities
- Strengthens visibility and coordination across EU sea basin strategies

The CMA's work is further supported by Technical Groups focused on key thematic areas such as sustainable aquaculture (SustAqua) and sustainable tourism (SustTourism), which foster dialogue, co-design solutions, and ensure that the initiative's objectives are grounded in the region's realities.

**SustAqua**

- > 12 members
- 3 meetings
- 1 joint initiative underway
- Participation in EU-wide aquaculture actions

**SustTourism**

- ~10 members
- 3 meetings
- 2 subgroups
- underwater cultural heritage
- sustainable tourism

## Main figures

**29** projects proposals supported relevant to BSAM

**3** Steering Group meetings organised      **3** projects awarded

**1** regional online event      **1** CMA Stakeholder conference      **6** #CMAinmycountry events

**881** LinkedIn followers      **1,2K** X followers      **~1,3K** newsletter subscribers

**19243** website visitors



**2 SUCCESS STORIES, 4 RECOGNISED PROJECTS**

## Joint EU Sea Basin Assistance Mechanism

The BSAM is part of a joint EU Sea Basin Strategies Assistance Mechanism and is supporting Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea implementation. This integrated approach ensures cross-basin collaboration, the sharing of best practices, and the scaling up of blue economy initiatives with regional and European relevance.

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