

25 May 2021
(14.00 – 16.45 EET)

COMMON MARITIME AGENDA FOR THE BLACK SEA 2021 YEAR COORDINATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

REGIONAL WORKSHOP SUPPORTING THE COMMON MARITIME AGENDA PRIORITIES WITH RESEARCH AND
INNOVATION TOWARDS CULTIVATING THE POTENTIAL FOR BLUE ENTREPRENEURSHIP
25 MAY 2021 (14:00-16:45 GMT+3) ONLINE

This workshop provides a valuable opportunity to exchange views and suggestions for joint actions between researchers and operators in the blue economy across the Black Sea region.

The workshop will target a lively discussion on the state of the art, and good practices, in the acceleration of innovation uptake by business and other operators across sea-basins in the seas surrounding Europe. Way forwards are discussed for strengthening the links between the implementation of the Common Maritime Agenda (CMA) for the Black Sea and its scientific pillar the Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (Black Sea SRIA). Potentials for entrepreneurs and investors will be identified together with the policy needs, while opportunities to build upon recovery from the COVID19 pandemic to boost longer-term resilience and full sustainability of the sectors will be also discussed.

To achieve this purpose, the workshop is structured through the following sessions:

- An initial session will discuss the **state of the art of technology and innovation** across EU and neighboring countries in the different sea basins, by engaging with relevant practitioners charged with responsibility roles for the sea basin strategies in each area;
- A second session will allow practitioners in the blue economy to discuss the **challenges and opportunities for Black Sea operators** in up-taking such technologies and innovation, and ways to diversify local value-chains by develop innovative and sustainable business models;
- A final session will facilitate and overall exchange on **concrete cooperation opportunities between researchers and blue economy operators** across the Black Sea, so to address such challenges and capitalize on the opportunities.

Hosted under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey and co-chaired by the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Turkey under the Turkish Coordination of the Steering Group of the CMA, this event is a first step towards assessing the Research and Innovation (R&I) needs of the priority sectors defined by the Regional Stakeholders Conference of the CMA 2020 that took place on 10 December 2020.

The outputs of this event will inform further exchanges to be supported through future CMA events in 2021, and as a way to trigger concrete exchanges between sectoral stakeholders across the Black Sea. It will also offer roadmap to support the R&I needs and investments of three CMA priority sectors (coastal and maritime tourism, maritime transport, fisheries & aquaculture) for a more sustainable and resilient blue economy.



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AGENDA OF THE EVENT (EET TIME)

13.45 – 14.00 Registration to the online platform

14.00 – 14.15 Welcome and opening remarks

- **Emre Ozigci**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Turkey
- **Şeref Tabak**, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of Republic of Turkey
- **Christos Economou**, EC Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- **Wendy Bonne**, EC Directorate-General for Research and Innovation

14.15 – 15.00 Plenary Session 1: Best Practices from sea basins SRIAs and contribution to CMA priorities on entrepreneurial environment

Moderator: **Baris Salihoglu**, CMA Turkish National Hub/Black Sea CONNECT

- Mediterranean, **Fabio Fava**, BlueMed Initiative
- Baltic, **Andris Andrusaitis**, BANOS CSA Coordinator
- Atlantic, **Sofia Cordeiro**, AANCHOR CSA Coordinator and **Patrizio Mariani**, Mission Atlantic Coordinator
- Black Sea, **Mustafa Yucel**, CMA Turkish National Hub/Black Sea CONNECT

15.00 – 15.10 Questions and answers

15.10 – 15.20 Comfort break

15.20 – 16.10 Plenary Session 2: Roundtable on defining the sectoral research and innovation needs for businesses and potential synergies between research and the blue economy entrepreneurial environment

Moderator: **Frederick Herpers** (Black Sea Assistance Mechanism)

Inputs from a panel of CMA countries business operators active in the blue economy – as identified by CMA National Coordinators or Hubs: Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine.

16.10 – 16.35 Stakeholder inputs: Discussions on business and science cooperation potentials for the Black Sea

Wrap up on the previous sessions and discussions on cooperation between CMA and SRIA

Moderators: **Baris Salihoglu**, CMA Turkish National Hub/Black Sea CONNECT and **Matteo Bocci** (Black Sea Assistance Mechanism)

Inputs from CMA countries stakeholders identified by CMA National Coordinators or Hubs

16.35 -16.45 Conclusions and possible next step for CMA and SRIA implementation

- **Emre Ozigci** , Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Turkey
- EC Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (TBC)

