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**Sustainable Blue Economy - Trends and Prospects for Bulgaria**  
National Conference  
November 30, 2021,  
Conference Hall Panorama 13, hotel Rosslyn Dimyat, Varna, Bulgaria  
Link to ZOOM (will be provided additionally) - 10:00-15:30 (EET)

9:30 - 10:00	<b>Registration of participants</b>
10:00 - 10:20	<b>Opening</b> <b>Nadezhda Buhova</b> , National Coordinator of the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea, Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications <b>Ilze Atanasova</b> , National Hub of the Black Sea Support Mechanism, Maritime Cluster Bulgaria  <b>Keynote</b> <b>Rumen Radev</b> , President of Republic of Bulgaria (TBC)
10:20 - 11:30	<b>Session 1 - Transition to a sustainable blue economy - trends, challenges, and opportunities</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Iglika Yakova</b>, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, EC</li><li>● <b>Eolina Milova</b>, World Bank</li><li>● <b>European Investment Bank</b></li><li>● <b>Wendy Bonne</b>, DG Research and Innovation, EC</li><li>● <b>Milen Obretenov</b>, <i>Interreg NEXT</i> Black Sea basin 2021-2027 Program, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works</li><li>● <b>Rositsa Stoeva</b>, Executive Director, Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization / BSEC</li><li>● <b>Francis Vallat</b>, Honorary President of French Institute of the Sea, Founding President of French Maritime Cluster, co-Founding President of European Network of Maritime Clusters (ENMC)</li></ul>
11:30 - 11:50	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:50 - 13:00	<b>Session 2 - The Bulgarian Blue Economy - Potential and Prospects</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Vesna Baltina</b>, Deputy Mayor "Strategic Development and Ecology, Digitalization and Adaptation to Climate Change", Municipality of Burgas</li><li>● <b>Angel Gyorev</b>, General Directorate "Strategic Planning and Regional Development Programs", Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Stoyan Kotov, Directorate of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry</b></li> <li>● <b>Dian Dimov, Executive Director, Port of Burgas</b></li> <li>● <b>Naiden Prahov, Centre for Underwater Archeology, Ministry of Culture</b></li> <li>● <b>Kalin Kalinov, Vice-Rector "N.Y.Vaptsarov" Naval Academy</b></li> <li>● <b>Todor Ganchev, Vice-Rector, Technical University of Varna</b></li> </ul>
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 - 15:15	<p><b>Round table / Discussion</b></p> <p>Bulgaria: A common approach for a sustainable blue economy</p> <p><i>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Blagovest Belev</i></p>
15:15 - 15:30	<b>Closing</b>

### Blue Career Days 1-3 December, online 13:30 – 14:30 (EET)

13:00 - 13:30	<b>Registration of participants</b>
13:30 - 14:30	<p>"Blue Career Days" is an initiative launched in 2018, aiming at attracting young people to continue their education and professional careers in the sectors of the blue economy of Bulgaria. Marine Cluster Bulgaria together with the Bulgarian Maritime Chamber and with the support of the Technical University of Varna, Naval Academy "N.Y. Vaptsarov" and the College of Tourism at the University of Economics - Varna, annually organize "Blue Career Days". The current fifth edition will be held entirely online on three consecutive days between December 1-3 at 1:30 p.m.(EET). Various career opportunities in the blue economy sectors will be considered in each of the three days. Experts from leading companies and research institutes in the field of blue economy will present to young people a variety of professions and opportunities for realization and will share their experience. We believe that in this way we will enable a wider range of young people from all over the country to get aware about the blue economy, its current and future potential, the development of traditional sectors and their connection with new technologies such as robotics, digitalization, applying the principles of the circular economy.</p> <p>This year within the event a contest is organized on the topic "The future of the Black Sea", open to pupils and students from all over the country.</p> <p>The winners will be announced on December 19, 2021.</p> <p>Additional information about <a href="#">"Blue Career Days"</a> and the <a href="#">contest</a> are available in local language.</p>

