



The Facility for
Blue Growth
in the **Black Sea**



How can the Facility assist you?

The Facility provides support to national authorities and key stakeholders in participating Black Sea coastal countries. It seeks to promote dialogue and foster cooperation with national authorities, National Contact Points (NCPs), NGOs, businesses and society.

In partnership with stakeholders of seven partner states, the Facility acts as a catalyst

- to further develop national maritime policies;
- to promote maritime cooperation at regional and transnational level;
- to engage with all relevant parties, promote awareness and facilitate ownership of Blue Growth opportunities.

Fostering and supporting stakeholder-led strategies for a shared blue economy in the Black Sea

A Strategy for the



Black Sea



Integrated Maritime Policy

IMP seeks to provide a coherent approach to maritime issues, increasing coordination between policy areas. The added value of IMP lies in coordinating decisions and actions of different but interdependent sea related sectors or theme. As a result, money and time are saved, overlap of activities is avoided and cumulative impacts reduced.

Blue Growth

Blue Growth is the EU long-term strategy aiming to support sustainable growth in the marine and maritime sectors, in line with the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. The strategy is three-fold:

- **develop sectors** that have a high potential for sustainable jobs and growth;
- **provide knowledge**, legal certainty and security in blue economy;
- **develop sea basin strategies** ensuring tailor-made measures and fostering cooperation.

Blue Economy

Blue Economy aims at fostering sustainable and integrated development of marine and maritime sectors as a whole, promoting growth, innovation, jobs and investments and reducing poverty, whilst safeguarding healthy seas and their ecosystems.

**Integrated,
Inclusive,
Profitable,
Sustainable.**

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examples of services and expertise provided by the Facility

- advice on IMP, Blue Growth and Blue Economy
- networking of relevant national stakeholders
- country assessments and SWOT analysis
- advice in blue economy developments
- assistance in undertaking funding process
- event planning awareness raising
- promote transfer of good practices
- support of “knowledge networks”
- advice and showcase best practices
- support to stakeholders to draft pilot projects
- support national and transnational cooperation projects
- accelerate innovation by bridging research, industry and society;
- advice and examples to lift barriers to innovation and investment;



Your support team

Blue growth, funding and cooperation experts





The Facility is led by experts specialised in Maritime Policy, Blue Economy, Maritime Research, Environment, Sea Basins, Communication and Event planning. This central team is reinforced by national experts liaising on the ground with relevant national stakeholders in partner states.


To find out how the Facility can help or contact your local experts, get in touch at helpdesk@blackseablueeconomy.eu

Online

The Facility on social media

 on **LinkedIn**, to discuss project ideas, connect with other Black Sea blue growth professionals

 On **Twitter**, to follow the pulse of the Facility, events and frequent updates of Black Sea Stakeholders

 On **Facebook**, to exchange and develop a community of actors and enthusiasts all around the Black Sea.

Our website

<http://blackseablueeconomy.eu/>

The Facility website is a central information platform for events, funding opportunities and cooperation calls. It is also an interactive tool enabling stakeholders to post project ideas and find inspiration amongst a growing list of project examples

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