



COMMON MARITIME AGENDA REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS CONFERENCE

Parallel session 3 *Fisheries and aquaculture*



What is the approach proposed for this panel session?

Based on the on going actions of GFCM to support aquaculture and fisheries, this panel will discuss some **additional potential project ideas**, to identify elements that can be retained in order to develop future blue economy flagship projects.

It also aims to **renew the engagement with regional stakeholders** to support the implementation of the CMA and its goals/priorities

Building on previous project pipelines, the session discusses elements that can be retained in order to **develop future flagship projects** through the support of the Black Sea Assistance Mechanism (BSAM).



Plan

- GFCM presentation on on going key actions to support aquaculture and fisheries in the Black Sea
- Open discussion to identify new ideas to support the Common Maritime Agenda
 - Aquaculture
 - Fisheries

The discussion will also try to answer the following questions for the sectors

- *What are the main opportunities/aspects to consider with regards to digitalisation?*
- *What pre-requisites can ensure water quality, fight against pollution / marine litter?*
- *What relevant actions can address capacity/skills and research pre-conditions?*



Call for additional project ideas for aquaculture and capacity building

Goal1/priority 3, to “**support sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the Black Sea**”:

- Support for **aquaculture research and joint pilot projects** – in private and public sectors, including the Black Sea aquaculture demonstration centres and demonstrative aquaculture modules.
- Foster **capacity building and training** activities on fisheries sustainability and sustainable development of aquaculture for stakeholders
- Organisation of **workshops and seminars** on fisheries sustainability and sustainable development of aquaculture.



Call for additional project ideas for fisheries

Goal1/priority 3, to “**support sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the Black Sea**”:

- Support for fisheries **research projects, including fisheries research at national basis, and joint scientific surveys**, including on climate change and the impact of invasive species on fisheries and incidental catch of vulnerable species.
- Support for the use of **innovative marine technologies and IT monitoring tools** for fisheries vessels, including small-scale fisheries.
- Support for projects enhancing the **valorisation of catches and diversification of activities** to maximize the economic benefit of the fisheries sector, in particular for small-scale fisheries.



List of projects to be discussed

N°1	Towards Regulations to support aquaculture	Desk study to obtain a state of play of regulations and legislations in the area of aquaculture for the Black Sea (bottlenecks and lessons learnt from Turkey, in particular).
N°2	Eco-friendly aquaculture	Project to promote education and training of eco-friendly actions in the aquaculture sector.
N°3	Black Sea Brand for fisheries and aquaculture	Launch a study to define a Black Sea Brand for fisheries and aquaculture, in close liaison with Black Sea catering, to be promoted in blue tourism.
N°4	Platform for monitoring of regional sustainable (socio-economic and environmental) fisheries and aquaculture	Establishment of common national platforms between academic and fish institutes to foster capacity building and training on fisheries sustainability and sustainable development of aquaculture in BS countries. And set-up a monitoring platform for socio-economic and environmental assessment of the sector at national and regional level, all sector's value chains.
N°5	Global socio-economic assessment of fisheries and aquaculture	Workshops to be included in a dedicated programme/study to set up the global socio-economic assessment of the sector at national and regional level, all along the value chain of the sector.



List of projects to be discussed

N°6	Feasibility study for the establishment of a Biotech Cluster on the east shore of the Black Sea	Project aimed to support the establishment of new innovative high-end aquaculture cluster across the region, so as to further development blue-biotech
N°7	Support small-scale fisheries and aquaculture	Support small-scale sustainable operations in aquaculture and fisheries, including through the involvement of local stakeholders to ensure sustainability , data collections and sharing, promotion of best practices and networking, as well as involvement of youth to foster employment opportunity
N°8	Virtual Centre for aquaculture competences	Establishing a virtual centre to provide insights, data, knowledge and training support to boost competences for innovative sustainable aquaculture (link to Eco-friendly aquaculture idea?)
N°9	Resilient Black Sea ecosystem to support ecosystem services	Assess the resilience of Black Sea to multi-stressors to support sustainable ecosystem services. By assessing risks and opportunities, the resilience of ecosystem components will be evaluated as a booster of innovation in the region.

