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## **Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea WEBINAR ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION TOWARDS CULTIVATING THE POTENTIAL FOR BLUE ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Tuesday 25 May 2021 (14:00-16:45 GMT+3) Online

The Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea (CMA) is a sea basin initiative that supports regional cooperation for transition to a sustainable Blue Economy. Blue economy encompasses all economic activities related to oceans, seas, and coasts. It covers a wide range of interlinked sectors, both established and emerging, such as aquaculture, fisheries, shipbuilding, coastal tourism, marine extraction of oil and gas, maritime transport, environmental protection, wind and ocean energy and biotechnology. To implement the vision of building a common Blue Economy, Countries of the Black Sea came together: the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Republic of Turkey and Ukraine; with the European Commission, jointly launched the CMA in 2019.

Under the Turkish Coordination of the CMA in 2021, a regional event is organised to identify research and innovation (R&I) needs to support coastal tourism, maritime transport, fisheries and aquaculture. These blue economy sectors have a strong growth potential if based on a coordinated implementation.

The digital event, organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, co-chaired by the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Turkey, and supported by the European Commission, consists of three panel sessions,

The first panel is focusing on best practices of innovation-driven business acceleration as addressed by other EU sea basin strategies such as WestMed Initiative and the Atlantic Action Plan 2.0.



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It will showcase best practices resulting from the different Strategic Research and Innovation Agendas (SRIA) activities in the different sea basins that aim at boosting Blue Economy and with the objective to inspire [CMA Implementation](#).

The second panel session is dedicated to collecting the business perspective. It will gather feedback and input to the R&I needs within these three Blue Economy sectors thanks to views from business stakeholders from the seven CMA countries.

The third panel will then aim at an interactive discussion towards strengthening the links between the implementation of the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea and its scientific pillar the Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (Black Sea SRIA).

The outputs of this event will serve as basis for other CMA events during 2021 which will focus on different sectoral stakeholders of the Black Sea. The results will help to design a roadmap supporting research and innovation as well as investments in the CMA priority sectors for a more sustainable and resilient blue economy.

Potentials for entrepreneurs and investors will be identified together with policy needs. In focus for policy makers are opportunities to build upon recovery from the COVID19 pandemic as well as boosting longer-term resilience and full sustainability of the sectors.

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- [SRIA for the Black Sea](#)
- [BlueMED SRIA](#)
- [West med Initiative](#)
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