
SEArICA Conference on the Black Sea

How can regional frameworks foster sustainable blue growth in the Black Sea basin?

Co-organised by the CPMR Balkan and Black Sea Commission ([CPMR BBSC](#)) and the International Centre for Black Sea Studies ([ICBSS](#))

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Online - Microsoft Teams

In May 2019, during the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda for the Black Sea (SRIA) and the Common Maritime Agenda (CMA) for the Black Sea were launched, providing the framework for a more sustainable economic growth in the Black Sea basin.

In this context, and particularly amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the sectors covered by both the Black Sea SRIA and CMA, the Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas Intergroup is organising an event to present the political and scientific framework for the Black Sea and discuss with key stakeholders how the EU can answer the needs of the main sectors contributing to the blue economy in the Black Sea region. The workshop aims at providing a dialogue platform amongst EU and national policy-makers, and key regional stakeholders to encourage a debate that will allow for better understanding of the purpose of the main EU strategies focusing on the blue economy in the region. It will also motivate regional stakeholders to become actively involved in the successful implementation of these frameworks' objectives, and more importantly, bring forward their perspective concerning the Black Sea region.

After an opening by the European Commission, the event will be designed as a round table. Representatives of the main sectors involved will discuss with the coordinators the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on their sectors and regional communities. The workshop will provide the opportunity to share the views of stakeholders on the short and mid-term perspectives and initiatives that could be taken to support the blue economy in the region.

The event will complement and support the preparation of the stakeholders' conference of the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea that will take place on 10 December. In fact, during the upcoming Common Maritime Agenda conference concrete ideas for the identification of flagship projects as part of the sustainable and resilient recovery response will be discussed with the stakeholders through specifically dedicated thematic sessions.

Agenda

The webinar will be chaired and moderated by Ms Carmen AVRAM, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the SEARICA Intergroup, responsible for the Danube and the Black Sea

- Welcome by **Ms Carmen AVRAM**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the SEARICA Intergroup, responsible for the Danube and the Black Sea
- **Mr Christos ECONOMOU**, Acting Director for Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE), European Commission
- **Ms Anna KARDJEVA**, Bulgarian Coordination Team of the Steering Group of the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea, Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications of the Republic of Bulgaria
- **Ms Sieglinde GRUBER**, Head of Healthy Oceans & Seas (RTD.C.4) Unit, Healthy Planet, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD), European Commission
- Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) by **Professor Dr Baris SALIHOGLU**, Black Sea CONNECT Coordinator
- The regional perspective by **Mr Tornike RIJVADZE**, Chairman of Government, Ajara Autonomous Republic (Georgia), CPMR BBSC Member, CPMR Vice-President responsible for Neighbourhood Policy

Debate with key regional stakeholders on blue economy priorities (open discussion):

- **Education: Associate Professor Dr Taner ALBAYRAK**, Piri Reis University (Turkey), Black Sea Association of Maritime Institutions (BSAMI)
- **Transport: “Transport model for the development of projects in Black Sea Ports of Ukraine” by Mr Viktor DOVHAN**, Expert, “Assistance to the Ukrainian authorities for establishment of national transport model and master plan” (EU-funded project)
- **Tourism: Ms Florentina CARAMITRU**, Constanta County Council (Romania)
- **Civil Society: Ms Emma GILEVA**, Black Sea NGO Network (BSNN)
- **Youth: Ms Evgeniia KOSTIANAIA**, Black Sea Young Ambassador from Russia

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