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4th annual high-level stakeholder conference



Conference on
**blue economy
in the Black Sea**

Batumi, Georgia

15 September 2017
08.45 – 18.00

**Connecting the region through
marine and maritime cooperation**

Stakeholder conference on blue economy in the Black Sea

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THANK YOU!

...for your interest in the 4th annual High-Level Black Sea Stakeholder Conference on blue economy in the Black Sea. Over the next days, the conference proceedings, such as the speakers' presentations, updated speaker's guide, the effective list of participants, video recordings of the working session, will be published on this webpage. Summaries of the discussions in the working sessions will also be made available in English.

Building on the success of the previous three events, in [Bucharest](#) [3](2014), [Sofia](#) [4](2015) and most recently in [Odessa](#) [5](2016), the conference has turned into a main forum for institutional and private stakeholders working on maritime affairs in the Black Sea to discuss common actions to:

- support blue growth,
- support integration,
- share innovative business practices,
- improve marine knowledge and enhance marine environment
- promote maritime careers,

- identify sources of funding for maritime projects and
- seek partners to fulfil them.

Technical sessions focused the debates on the above-mentioned themes and showcased the work carried out in the past year. The conference took stock of the implementation of the [Bucharest declaration](#) [6] adopted in October 2016 on sustainable fisheries and discuss concrete actions to improve the sustainability of fishing resources, particularly with regard to scientific advice, sustainable small-scale fisheries, capacity building, and fight against IUU fishing. A group of eminent marine scientists, representing [all](#) coastal countries, met ahead of the conference as part of their work on a [Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Black Sea](#) [7].

EU Commissioner Karmenu Vella announced the deployment of the "**Facility to promote regional dialogue on blue growth and foster blue economy development in the Black Sea region**". Apart from providing technical assistance to maritime administrations in the region and promoting integration at national and regional level, the Facility should pave the way for a common maritime agenda for the Black Sea.

The conference offered good **opportunities for networking**. A small exhibition took place in the common spaces to offer inspiration and topics to debate. Among the exhibitors were: [Georgian Ministry of Environment](#) [8], [MEDCOAST foundation](#) [9], [Anaklia Development Consortium](#) [10], [Bulgarian Institute of Oceanology](#) [11], [Batumi State Maritime Academy](#) [12], [Flora & Fauna International](#) [13], [Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University](#) [14].

In the margins of the conference, two **memorandums of understanding/cooperation** were signed:

1. "Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of environmental protection of the Black Sea and its catchment" between the ministries of environment of Georgia, represented by deputy minister Ms Ekaterina Grigalava, and Ukraine, represented by deputy minister Mr Vasyl Poluyko. The Memorandum aims to step up bilateral cooperation to implement two EU Directives: the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the EU Water Framework Directive. The link to short video on the signature ceremony is available at <https://youtu.be/7JxEbw5yRY4> [15];

2. The Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between [Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University](#) and [16] [the Guria Region Governor Administration](#) [16] for the development of blue economy and studies of the Kolkheti Lowland. Within the framework of the Memorandum, it is planned to carry out specific actions in the field of sustainable management and protection of environmental and natural resources using scientific and educational potential.

Conference programme: [FinalAgenda_BSSConf_f.pdf](#) [17] (EN)

Effective list of participants: [List of participants.pdf](#) [18]

Speakers' guide: [Speakers' Guide - Final.pdf](#) [19] (EN)

Press release: https://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/content/building-maritime-strategy-black-sea_en [20] (EN)

Presentations and speeches (*as delivered at the event*)


Video recordings of all presentations will be added in the next few days


Opening and welcome address

Dr Konstantin Megrelishvili, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Autonomous Republic of Ajara, Georgia

Sustainable blue growth: Leadership exchange

Mr Giorgi Cherkezishvili, Deputy Minister, Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

Mr Karmenu Vella, EU Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (video message) -  [SPEECH_KVella.pdf](#) [21]


Ms Ekaterine Grigalava, Deputy Minister, Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia -  [Speech_EGrigalava.pdf](#) [22]

Mr Vasyl Poluyko, Deputy Minister, Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine

Mr Andriy Galushchak, State Secretary, Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine

Ambassador Michael B. Christides, Secretary General of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)

Ms Maria Babukchieva, Head of River Basin Management Department, Ministry of environment and Water of Bulgaria


Ms Christiana Kalogirou, Regional Governor of North Aegean (Greece), President of the Balkan & Black Sea Commission of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) -  [CPMR Map.pptx](#) [23]

Closing intervention: Mr Bernhard Friess, Director, Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Panel 1: Increasing the competitiveness of the blue economy


Moderation: Mr Christos Economou, Head of Unit, Sea basin strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE), European Commission


Dr Andrzej Cieslak, Consultant, Maritime Office in Gdynia, Poland -  [A. Cieslak - Batumi short.ppt](#) [24]

Dr Ingela Isaksson, Project Manager, Baltic SCOPE, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management -  [170915_Sweden Isaksson_Final.pptx](#) [25]

Dr Andrei D. Lappo, General director, Scientific and Research Institute of Maritime Spatial Planning "Ermak Northwest", Russia

Ms Martina Maria Paola Rossi, Manager, Maritime Technology Cluster FVG, Italy

Mr Antonio Castillo, Head of Office in Chisinau, European Investment Bank -  [Blue Economy - Batumi 15.09.2017-Antonio Castillo.pdf](#) [26]


Ms Laura Bobarnac, Deputy Head, Joint Managing Authority, Ministry of Regional Development of Romania -  [BSB JOP_ Bobarnac Laura.ppt](#) [27]


Mr Nils Jansons, Deputy Head of Division for Eastern Partnership, regional cooperation & OSCE, European


External Action Service


Panel 2a: Save the sea

Moderation: Ms Sieglinde Gruber, Head of Unit, Marine Research Unit, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (RTD), European Commission


Dr Adrian Stanica, Chairman of the Scientific Council of National Research and Development Institute for Marine Geology and Geoecology (GeoEcoMar), Romania -  [Stanica_structure_questions_issues.ppt](#) [28]


Prof Snejana Momcheva, Director, Institute of Oceanology, Bulgarian Academy of Science (IO BAS) -  [BS-Batmi-2017 -presentation_SMoncheva.pptx](#) [29]

Ms Sophie Benbow, Marine Programme Manager – Eurasia, Fauna & Flora International -  [17 09 15 Save The Sea_Sophie Benbow.pptx](#) [30]

Video of Ms Sophie Benbow, Marine Programme Manager – Eurasia, Fauna & Flora International
Ms Mariam Makarova, Head of Water Division, Integrated Management Department, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia -  [Georgia_IMP - Makarova.ppt](#) [31]


Video of Ms Mariam Makarova, Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources Protection of Georgia
Ms Olesya Petrovych, Chief specialist, Department of Econet and Protected Areas, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine

Video of Ms Olesya Petrovych, Dpt of Protected Areas, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ukraine
Dr Jaroslav Slobodnik, Team Leader, EU/UNDP project "Improving Environmental Monitoring in the Black Sea" (EMBLAS-II) -  [Panel_2a_EMBLAS_Jaroslav Slobodnik.pptx](#) [32]


Mr Gilles Lericolais, Director, Management of European and International affairs, French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER) -  [Lericolais-SavetheSea-Batumi2017.pptx](#) [33]


Panel 2b: Fish well


Moderation: Mr Stelios Mitolidis, Deputy Head of Unit, Fisheries Management Mediterranean and Black Sea, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE), European Commission


Prof Bayram Ozturk, Director – Turkish Marine Research Foundation/ Faculty of Fisheries, Istanbul University -  [Ozturk_Georgia Final.ppt](#) [34]

Ms Irina Lomashvili, Chief Specialist, Biodiversity and Forestry policy Department, Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia

Video of Ms Irina Lomashvili, Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia
Ms Maia Chkhobadze, Head of the Biodiversity Control Service, Environmental Supervising Department, Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia -  [Batumi Conference-2017 - Maia Chkhobadze.ppt](#) [35]

Video of Ms Maia Chkhobadze, Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources of Georgia
Mr Miguel Bernal, Fishery Resources Officer, Secretariat of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) -  [GFCM_BlackSeaBlueGrowthStakeholders-Miguel Bernal.pptx](#) [36]


Video of Mr Miguel Bernal, Secretariat of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)
Mr Pascal Savouret, Executive Director, European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) -  [Savouret 2B-Black Sea_Batum_15092017_RS \(00000002\).ppt](#) [37]


Video of Mr Pascal Savouret, Executive Director, European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)
Ms Elena Cardas, European Affairs Advisor, Association for Sustainable Development "Prut - Dunăre" Galati - FLAG Galati (Romania) -  [RO TOPIC - FLAG GALATI - CARDAS.pptx](#) [38]


Video of Ms Elena Cardas, Association for Sustainable Development "Prut - Dunăre" Galati - FLAG (Romania)

Panel 3a: Smart maritime infrastructures

Moderation: Capt. Mamuka Akhaladze, Director, Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia

Dr Laura Alexandrov, Senior Researcher, National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa", Romania -  [MSP_BLUE GROWTh_ L.ALEXANDROV_NIMRDA_RO pptx.pptx](#) [39]

Mr Levan Akhvlediani, Chief Executive Officer, Anaklia Development Consortium (ADC), Georgia -  [Anaklia - Connecting Asia and Europe via Georgia - Eng-1.pdf](#) [40]

Video of Mr Levan Akhvlediani, Chief Executive Officer, Anaklia Development Consortium (ADC), Georgia
Ms Irina Zapatrina, Chairman of the Board, Ukrainian Public-Private Partnership Development Support Center -  [Zapatrina_Batumi_2017.pptx](#) [41]


Mr Georgios Christofi, Head of Environment & Capacity Building Unit. European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) -  [Blue Economy in the Black Sea - EMSA_George Christophi-1.pdf](#) [42]

Panel 3b: Towards improved environmental monitoring of the Black Sea

Moderation: Ms Tamar Bagratia, Head of National Environmental Agency, Georgia


Ms Ekaterine Grigalava, Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Mr Vasyl Poluyko, Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine

Dr Jaroslav Slobodnik, Team Leader of the EMBLAS II project -  [Panel_3b_EMBLAS_Jaroslav Slobodnik.pptx](#) [43]

Mrs Marine Arabidze, Head of the Department of Environmental Pollution Monitoring, National Environmental Agency, Georgia

Video of Mrs Marine Arabidze, National Environmental Agency, Georgia

Dr Viktor Komorin, Director of Ukrainian Scientific Research Institute of Ecology of the Sea, Ukraine -  [Komorin_09_2017.pptx](#) [44]

Video of Dr Viktor Komorin, Director of Ukrainian Scientific Research Institute of Ecology of the Sea
Dr Eugen Dykyi, Deputy Director of Ukrainian Scientific Research Institute of Ecology of the Sea, Ukraine

Ms Olena Marushevskya, PR expert of the EMBLAS II project -  [Olena M.pdf](#) [45]

Video of Ms Olena Marushevskya, PR expert of the EMBLAS II project






Way forward & Closing remarks

Mr Bernhard Friess, Director, Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Venue: [Hotel Radisson Blu Batumi](#) [46] (1 Ninoshvili Street 6000 Batumi Georgia)

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Actions in the Black Sea:

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<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/maritimeforum/en/frontpage/98> [52] (scroll down the page to find projects)

<https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/emff-projects> [53] (in the search bar, please type "Black Sea")

Funded by the Black Sea Cross-border cooperation programme (Black Sea CBC)

<http://blacksea-cbc.net/projects/our-projects/> [54]

European Commission, DG MARE - Black Sea

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Black and Caspian Sea project

<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/implementation-tasks/training-a-cooperation/traceca-iii.html> [56]

European Commission/UNDP, EMBLAS - Improving Environmental Monitoring in the Black Sea

<http://emblasproject.org/> [57]

EU Horizon 2020's SME Instrument (Georgia, Turkey, Ukraine, Republic of Moldova associated)

<https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/horizons-2020-sme-instrument> [58]

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