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Meeting Summary: 6th Experts' meeting towards SRIA for the Black Sea/ Bucharest, 5.10.2018

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We would like to thank those of you who could join us in Bucharest for the 6th meeting for developing a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) for the Black Sea basin on 5 October. We would also like to thank the Romanian Government representatives and our hosts from GeoEcoMar for all their support for this work, especially in view of the upcoming Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU during the first half of 2019, when the SRIA will be launched.

This was our first meeting after the launch of the [Burgas Vision Paper: A Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Black Sea](#) [1] on 31 May 2018 in Burgas, Bulgaria. It was planned as a hands-on meeting, where the experts could work on the different pillars agreed in the Vision Paper and start drafting the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, which will be the final result of this work. Throughout most of the day, the experts worked in 4 groups, which were merged for a final plenary session in the final session of the day.

The discussions were very productive, we can say that we are close to having the raw material for the first draft of the SRIA.

In order to be sure that we can best capture the main points of these discussions, the group moderators had to send to the chair the input from the respective groups at their earliest convenience, but no later than next Tuesday, the 30th of October.

The proposed date for the next meeting of this group is Tuesday, 15 January 2019, in the European Commission (DG RTD) premises in Brussels.

Kind regards,

On behalf of the DG RTD and DG MARE teams,

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