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EU4Ocean Black Sea Declaration

Black Sea Basin Workshop: TAKING COMMON ACTION FOR MAKING THE BLACK SEA SUSTAINABLE

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The European Ocean Coalition (EU4Ocean) connects diverse organisations, projects and people that contribute to ocean literacy and the sustainable management of the ocean. Supported by the European Commission, this bottom-up inclusive initiative aims at uniting the voices of Europeans to make the ocean a concern of everyone!

The EU4Ocean coalition combines EU-wide activities with actions dedicated to the Arctic Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean (including the North Sea), the Baltic Sea, the Black Sea, the Mediterranean Sea and the global ocean.

The coalition is made up of three components: a Platform for organisations and individuals engaged in Ocean Literacy initiatives, a European Youth Forum for the Ocean and a Network of European Blue Schools.

Black Sea Basin Workshop

The workshop was organised as part of the EU4Ocean Coalition for Ocean Literacy and aimed to bring together all those stakeholders eager to contribute in a positive and creative way at the health of the Black Sea.

This online workshop gathered all interested stakeholders, around the Black Sea Basin, for approaching specific themes and co-designing common solutions, in terms of sustainability and blue growth.

Black Sea Basin workshop declaration

This Black Sea Basin workshop declaration aims to offer specific solutions and actions that will be put in place, and highlight our common efforts that can generate a real impact in all countries around the Black Sea.

During the workshop, there were addressed 3 key topics related to marine litter, sustainable fishing and blue careers, these being hot topic subjects, at this moment, for the Black Sea area in Ocean Literacy context.





The 59 participants have identified the following relevant actions :

A. Black Sea Action Plan for marine litter

- a. Develop more ocean literacy awareness campaigns with focus on citizens daily lifestyle
- b. Involve citizens, young people and different stakeholders in marine litter monitoring and data collection
- c. Involve all stakeholder in marine litter policy development process and implementation

B. Sustainable fishing – Sustainable food from the sea

- a. Ensure better financing for scientific evaluation in order to establish new timeline for fish migration in the different seasons
- b. Enforce legislation in order to catch fish and seafood only by registered vessels and to ensure landing only in the registered ports
- c. Enhance knowledge on interactions between aquaculture and the environment in order to set the Good Environmental Status

C. Blue Careers | traditional vs. new

- a. Increase the collaboration between high-schools and universities
- b. Empower teachers to share knowledge about blue careers to students, starting from primary school
- c. Emphasize the needed skills for having a job in the blue economy

The EU4Ocean Black Sea workshop participants consider these actions applicable for Black Sea countries and they agree and assume to implement them, and also to cooperate with basin countries in order to have a common action plan and contribute at the protection and health of the Black Sea.