



## The Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Black Sea

Kick-Off Event of the Horizon 2020 funded Coordination and Support Action:

### Black Sea CONNECT

Brussels Marriott Hotel Grand Place

Rue Auguste Orts 3-7/Grand Place Brussels, Belgium

December 9 <sup>th</sup> , Monday	
18:30 - 21:00	Welcome Cocktail at Turkish Industry and Business Association (TUSIAD) EU Representation Premises <i>Avenue des Gaulois 13, 1040 Etterbeek</i>
December 10 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday: Black Sea CONNECT CSA work in support of the Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Black Sea	
<i>Brussels Marriott Hotel Grand Place</i>	
09:00-09:30	Arrival and registration
09:30-10:00	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> <i>Moderated by Barış Salihoğlu, Coordinator of Black Sea CONNECT (METU)</i>  Mehmet Zeyrek, Vice-Rector (METU)  Sigi Gruber, Head of Unit, Healthy Seas and Oceans (DG RTD)  Andreea Strachinescu, Head of Unit, Maritime Innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment (DG MARE)
10:00-10:30	<b>The role of the Black Sea CONNECT CSA in support of the Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Black Sea</b>  Sigi Gruber (DG RTD)
10:30-11:00	<b>Black Sea CONNECT CSA, general objectives, overview, work plan and summary of work done in the first 2 months</b>  Barış Salihoğlu (METU)
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:00	<b>Coordination, management and support measures in support of the Initiative</b>  Mustafa Yücel and Pınar Uygurer (METU)
12:00-12:45	<b>Towards SRIA Implementation Plan: Roadmap, approach and timeline</b>  Snejana Moncheva (IO-BAS) and Vangelis Papathanassiou (METU)
12:45-14:00	Joint Networking Lunch
14:00-14:45	<b>Synergistic Activities for the Implementation: Operational network, joint actions, links to ministries and funding agencies</b>  Adrian Stanica (GEOECOMAR) and Rositsa Stoeva (BSEC)
14:45-15:30	<b>Visibility, Education/Outreach Activities (including a preliminary list of events planned to conduct dissemination)</b>  Ezgi Şahin (METU), Eden Mamut (BSUN), Vangelis Papathanassiou (METU)



15:30-15:45	Coffee Break
15:45-16:30	<p><b>Round table of all Black Sea country partners, on their planned national-level consultation towards SRIA implementation in the upcoming months</b> <i>Moderated by Ana Teresa Caetano, Policy Officer of Black Sea CONNECT (DG RTD)</i></p> <p><b>Bulgaria:</b> Snejana Moncheva (IO-BAS) <b>Georgia:</b> Valerian Melikidze (TSU) <b>Moldova:</b> Tudor Castravet (UST) <b>Romania:</b> Simion Nikolaev (INCDM) <b>Turkey:</b> Mete Karaca (TUBITAK) <b>Ukraine:</b> Oleksandr Neprokin (UkrSCES)</p> <p><b>EC perspective on national-level consultations:</b> Sigi Gruber (DG RTD)</p>
16:30	<p><b>Synthesis and conclusion of day 1</b></p> <p>Sigi Gruber (DG RTD) and Barış Salihoğlu (METU)</p>
<p><b>December 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday: Political synergy and project-specific technicalities</b> <i>Brussels Marriott Hotel Grand Place Belgium</i></p>	
09:00-9:30	Registration and coffee
09:30-11:30	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Towards a healthy, resilient and productive Black Sea: the broader sea basin policy landscape</b> <i>Moderated by Barış Salihoğlu, Coordinator of Black Sea CONNECT, (METU)</i></p> <p>John Bell, Director, Healthy Planet Directorate (DG RTD)</p> <p>Christos Economou, Head of Unit, Sea Basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security (DG MARE)</p> <p>Radoslaw Darski, Deputy Head of Division, EEAS (Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation, and OSCE)</p>
11:30-11:45	Coffee Break
11:45-12:15	<p><b>Management procedures and project-specific remarks</b></p> <p>Gonzalo Garcia de Arboleya, Project Officer of Black Sea CONNECT (EC-REA)</p>
12:15-12:30	<p><b>Ethics, data protection issues, presentation of standard templates for the use of the Consortium, other coordination technicalities</b></p> <p>Pinar Uygurer (METU)</p>
12:30-13:00	<p><b>Concluding remarks and the way forward</b></p> <p>Ana Teresa Caetano (DG RTD) and Barış Salihoğlu (METU)</p>
13:00-14:00	Joint Networking Lunch
14:00-15:30	Internal meeting of the Black Sea CONNECT CSA Consortium