



The Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Black Sea
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Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda Workshop

16 September 2020/09:00-16:30 (GMT+3)

08:45	Registration
09:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks (English translation available) Moderated by Mete Karaca, International Cooperation Director, TUBITAK Prof. Dr. Mustafa Verşan Kök , Rector, METU Erdem Direkler , Director General for European Union Affairs and Foreign Relations, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure Prof. Dr. Hasan Mandal , President, TUBITAK Bülent Özcan , Director General for Financial Cooperation and Project Implementation, Directorate for EU Affairs of Ministry of Foreign Affairs
10:00	2030 Vision for a healthy, resilient and better valued Black Sea Sigi Gruber , Head of Unit Healthy Seas and Oceans, European Commission
10:15	Break
10:30	Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) and the Implementation Plan: introduction, timeline, objectives and actors involved (English translation available) Prof. Dr. Barış Salihoğlu , METU-IMS and Assoc. Prof. Mustafa Yücel , METU-IMS SRIA video feature
11:00	Break
SRIA Consultations in Break-out Groups Setting the national priorities and providing input to the Implementation Plan (Breakout sessions)	
13:00	Pillar 1: Black Sea Knowledge Bridge: Addressing fundamental Black Sea research challenges Moderated by: Prof. Dr. Nüket Sivri, Istanbul University-Cerrahpaşa Pillar 2: Black Sea Blue Economy: Developing products, solutions and clusters underpinning Black Sea Blue Growth Moderated by: Yakup Peker, The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey Pillar 3: Key Infrastructure and Policy Enablers: Building of critical support systems and innovative Infrastructures Moderated by: Dr. Devrim Tezcan, Middle East Technical University Pillar 4: Empowered Citizens & Enhanced Blue Workforce: Education and capacity building Moderated by: Prof. Dr. Fatma Telli Karakoç, Karadeniz Technical University
15:00	Break
15:15	Interactive Panel Moderated by Prof. Dr. Barış Salihoğlu, METU-IMS Pillar 1: Prof. Dr. Nüket Sivri, Istanbul University-Cerrahpaşa Pillar 2: Yakup Peker, The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey Pillar 3: Dr. Devrim Tezcan, Middle East Technical University Pillar 4: Prof. Dr. Fatma Telli Karakoç, Karadeniz Technical University
16:00	Next steps, summary of the day and closing remarks (English translation available) Mete Karaca, TUBITAK