



**The Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Black Sea  
Supported by the European Union funded H2020 CSA Black Sea CONNECT  
Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda Workshop  
16 September 2020/09:00-16:30 (GMT+3)**

**Opening Session (English translation available)  
(09:00-11:00)**

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08:45	<b>Registration</b>
09:00	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Dr. Barış Salihoğlu, METU-IMS <b>Prof. Dr. Mustafa Verşan Kök</b> , Rector, METU <b>Prof. Dr. Ahmet Yozgatlıgil</b> , Vice-President, TUBITAK <b>Bülent Özcan</b> , Director General for Financial Cooperation and Project Implementation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs <b>Erdem Direkler</b> , Director General for European Union Affairs and Foreign Relations, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure
10:00	<b>2030 Vision for a healthy, resilient and better valued Black Sea</b> <b>Sigi Gruber</b> , Head of Unit Healthy Seas and Oceans, European Commission
10:15	<b>Break</b>
10:30	<b>Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) and the Implementation Plan: introduction, timeline, objectives and actors involved</b> Prof. Dr. Barış Salihoğlu, METU-IMS and Assoc. Prof. Mustafa Yücel, METU-IMS  SRIA video feature
11:00	<b>Break</b>
<b>SRIA Consultations in Break-out Groups Setting the national priorities and providing input to the Implementation Plan (13:00-15:00) (Working language is Turkish)</b>	
13:00	<b>Pillar 1: Black Sea Knowledge Bridge:</b> Addressing fundamental Black Sea research challenges <b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Dr. Nüket Sivri, Istanbul University-Cerrahpaşa <b>Link:</b> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/95791858787?pwd=TGZ6VHd0QktNa3JITjQ2bnFXc1ZTUT09">https://zoom.us/j/95791858787?pwd=TGZ6VHd0QktNa3JITjQ2bnFXc1ZTUT09</a> <b>Pillar 2: Black Sea Blue Economy:</b> Developing products, solutions and clusters underpinning Black Sea Blue Growth <b>Moderator:</b> Yakup Peker, The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey <b>Link:</b> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/93181854816?pwd=ZjRWREw0VFM2N1RObURHMTc1RSQT09">https://zoom.us/j/93181854816?pwd=ZjRWREw0VFM2N1RObURHMTc1RSQT09</a> <b>Pillar 3: Key Infrastructure and Policy Enablers:</b> Building of critical support systems and innovative Infrastructures <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Devrim Tezcan, Middle East Technical University <b>Link:</b> <a href="https://zoom.us/j/91892959237">https://zoom.us/j/91892959237</a> <b>Pillar 4: Empowered Citizens &amp; Enhanced Blue Workforce:</b> Education and capacity building <b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Dr. Fatma Telli Karakoç, Karadeniz Technical University <b>Link:</b> <a href="https://tubitak-gov.zoom.us/j/99067062122">https://tubitak-gov.zoom.us/j/99067062122</a>
15:00	<b>Break</b>
<b>Closing Session (15:15-16:30)</b>	
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15:15	<b>Interactive Panel</b> <b>Moderator</b> Assoc. Prof. Mustafa Yücel, METU-IMS <b>Pillar 1:</b> Prof. Dr. Nüket Sivri, Istanbul University-Cerrahpaşa <b>Pillar 2:</b> Yakup Peker, The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey <b>Pillar 3:</b> Dr. Devrim Tezcan, Middle East Technical University <b>Pillar 4:</b> Prof. Dr. Fatma Telli Karakoç, Karadeniz Technical University
16:00	<b>Next steps, summary of the day and closing remarks (English translation available)</b> Assoc. Prof. Mustafa Yücel, METU-IMS