

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN THE BLACK SEA: EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION FOR A HEALTHY, RESILIENT AND PRODUCTIVE BLACK SEA

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

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The **Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Black Sea** is organizing a virtual event that will take place on two consecutive half-days to give an update on **the Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)**, discuss the COVID-19 impacts on research and innovation underpinning Blue Growth in the Black Sea and launch its Young Ambassadors Programme with the participation of **Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth**.

This virtual event is organized over two days on 29 and 30th October on the special occasion of the International Black Sea Day (31 October).

On the first day, 29 October, national and international high-level representatives and stakeholders will engage with European Commission representatives to address and discuss the latest status on **the Black Sea SRIA** and its draft **Implementation Plan**, to set the stage for the 2030 Vision of a healthy, resilient and better valued Black Sea. The first day is dedicated to gathering further insights and potential input to feed into the SRIA update and the first draft of the Implementation Plan and discuss the **impacts of COVID-19 on the Ecosystem and Blue Economy in the Black Sea**. Outcomes of the national SRIA consultation workshops will also be presented at the event.

On the second day, the **Black Sea Young Ambassadors Programme** will be officially launched by the European Commissioner Mariya Gabriel. The Black Sea Young Ambassadors will be introduced to the community and share their plan for making the Black Sea more visible. They will start investing their energy and providing enriching views at a very critical stage of SRIA implementation by conveying the principles and the actions of the Initiative to all the Black Sea countries and beyond. Young Ambassadors from the other sea-basins will join the Black Sea Ambassadors in an interactive panel to share experiences and best practices, fostering synergies across European Seas.



Draft Agenda

DAY 1 – Black Sea Research and Innovation in 2020: Status of the SRIA, Response to COVID-19

29 October 2020 (all times in CET)

Registration for Day 1: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I0v6vmA8RVGECyZ4P-hDNQ

Rapporteurs: Black Sea Young Ambassadors

13:00	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p>Sigi Gruber, Head of Healthy Oceans & Seas Unit, DG Research and Innovation</p>
13:15	<p>Status of the Implementation of the Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda</p> <p>Baris Salihoglu and Mustafa Yucel, Black Sea CONNECT</p> <p>Q&A session (15 min)</p>
14:00	<p>Roundtable Discussion: Outputs of National Consultations on the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (5 min each per speaker)</p> <p>Moderator: Ana Teresa Caetano, Policy Officer, DG Research and Innovation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nina Dzhebekova (Bulgaria), Salome Kobaidze (Georgia), Ion Lica (Moldova), Adrian Stanica (Romania), Tamara Shiganova (Russia), Mustafa Yucel (Turkey), Viktor Komorin (Ukraine) • Irina Makarenko, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment (PMA) Officer, Black Sea Commission • Rositsa Stoeva, Executive Manager, Black Sea Economic Cooperation <p>Q&A session (15 min)</p>
15:00	<p>Comfort Break</p>
15:15	<p>Roundtable Discussion: Impacts of COVID-19 on Black Sea Ecosystem recovery and Marine Research and Innovation Activities, and Blue Economy</p> <p>Moderator: Baris Salihoglu, Project Coordinator, Black Sea CONNECT</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana Tase, Policy Officer, European External Action Service • Sigi Gruber, Head of Healthy Oceans & Seas Unit, DG Research and Innovation • Isabelle Viallon, Deputy Head of Sea Basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security Unit, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries • Black Sea country representatives: (up to max. 35 min.) Milen Baltov (Bulgaria), Tea Tarielashvili (Georgia), Adrian Stanica (Romania), Viktor Smirnov (Russia), Melike Ergun (Turkey), Viktor Komorin (Ukraine) <p>Q&A session (15 min)</p>
16:30	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Sigi Gruber, Head of Healthy Oceans & Seas Unit, DG Research and Innovation</p>

DAY 2 - Launch of the Black Sea Young Ambassadors

30 October 2020 (all times in CET)

Registration for Day 2:

<https://metu.webex.com/metu/onstage/g.php?MTID=e5ba4927a727c5b8e4dd654fe6dcd6f5c>

09:30	<p>Technical Briefing and registration</p> <p>Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda Movie (3 minutes)</p>
09:45	<p>Welcome Speeches on 2030 Vision for a healthy, resilient, and better valued Black Sea</p> <p>Moderator: Milen Baltov, Black Sea SRIA GSO Member and Vice Rector of Burgas Free University</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mustafa Yucel, Project Co-coordinator, Black Sea CONNECT • Karina Angelieva, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria
10:00	<p>Official Launch of the Black Sea Ambassadors</p> <p>Moderator: Baris Salihoglu, Project Coordinator, Black Sea CONNECT</p> <p>Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth</p> <p>Black Sea Young Ambassadors</p>
10:30	<p>Comfort Break</p>
10:45	<p>Young Ambassadors: Ambassador vision, goals and ongoing Ambassadors programmes</p> <p>Moderator: Sigi Gruber, Head of Healthy Oceans & Seas Unit, DG Research and Innovation</p> <p>Interactive Panel: Towards more visible sea basins</p> <p>Black Sea Young Ambassadors Deniz Yapilcan, BlueMed Ambassador Eimar Manning, All-Atlantic Ambassador George-Costin Dobrin, Sidar Polat, Michaela Pia, Violeta Wyns, PERSEUS Ambassadors</p> <p>Q&A session (15 min)</p> <p>Connecting to Citizens: Towards the Horizon Europe Mission Healthy Oceans, Seas, Coastal and Inland Waters</p>
12:30	<p>Next Steps and Closing Remarks</p> <p>Sigi Gruber, Head of Healthy Oceans & Seas Unit, DG Research and Innovation</p>

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