

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN THE BLACK SEA

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION FOR A HEALTHY, RESILIENT AND PRODUCTIVE BLACK SEA



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#ConnectBlackSeaYouth
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BLACK SEA YOUNG AMBASSADORS

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Summary of Day 1

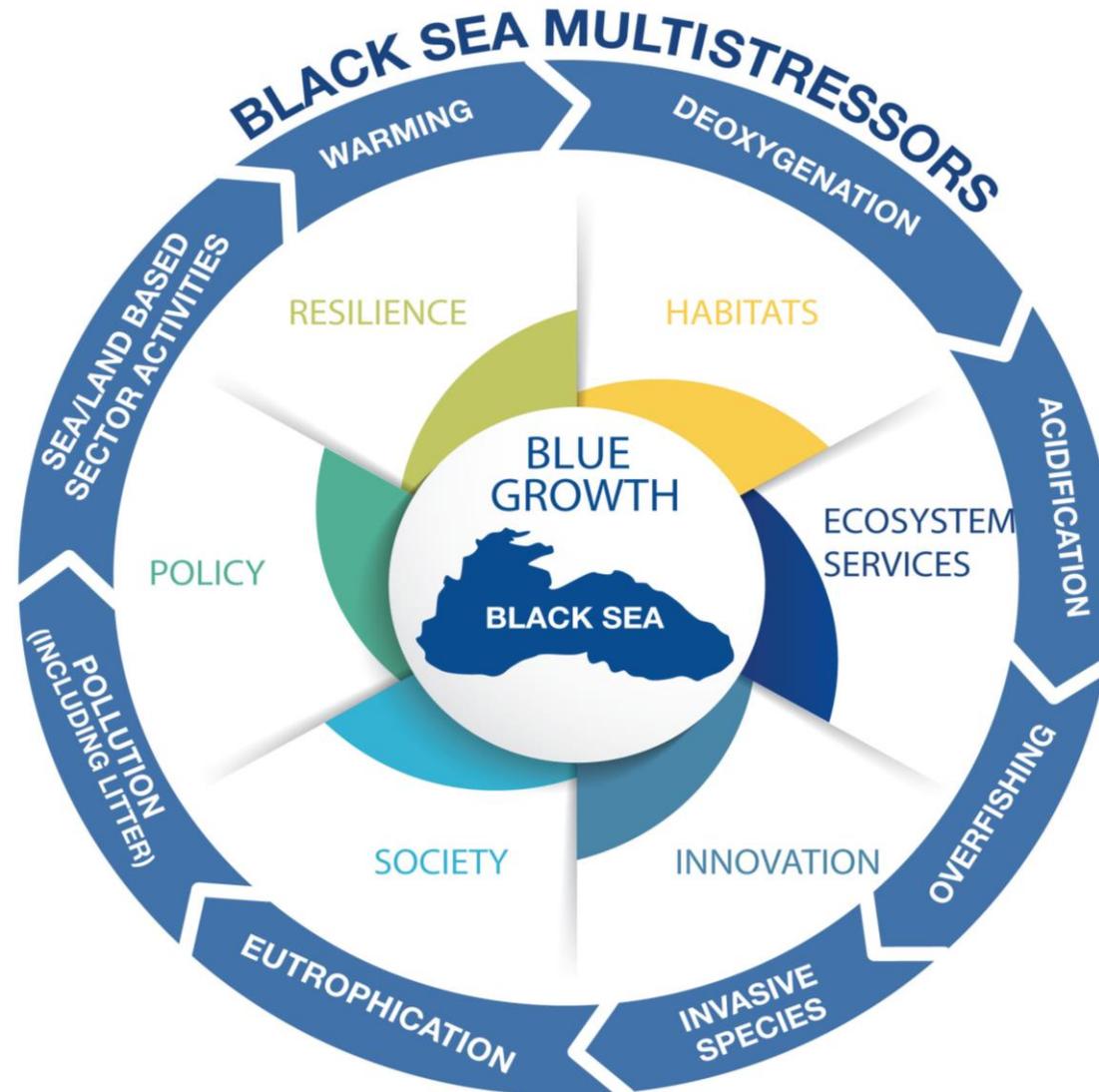
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CONNECT2BLACKSEA

Why Black Sea is Unique?

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4869 km
of coastline

10 large rivers flowing to the sea,
with a total river input exceeding
350 km³ year⁻¹

421 638 km²
Total Area

5 ratio of the Black Sea catchment
area to the sea's area

160 million
Population of Black Sea
coasts and catchment

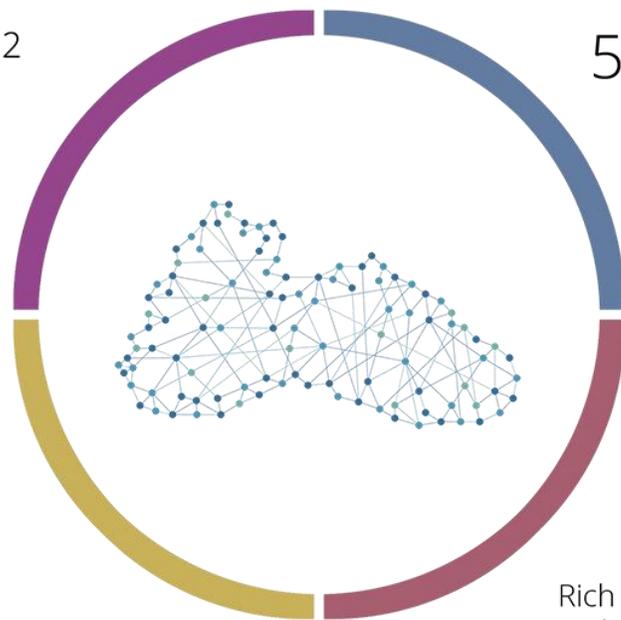
Deep Black Sea as the
paleoclimate archive of past
5 million years

90%
of oxygen free,
H₂S-rich volume

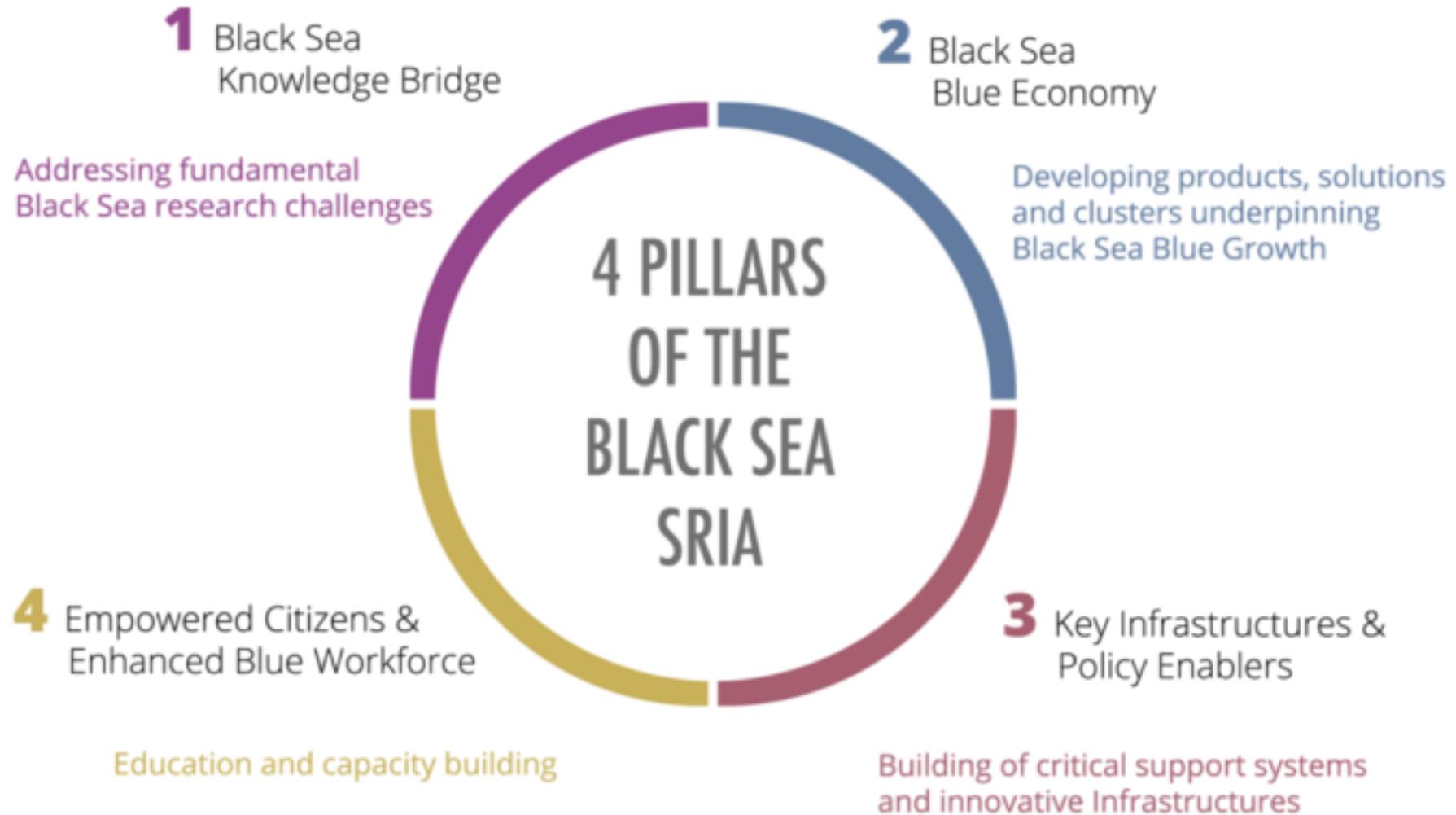
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major sea ports

Rich in energy sources
such as wave, currents, offshore wind,
H₂S, gas hydrates

30 to 8
Reduction in the number of fish
species with economical significance









SRIA Development Process

2017



Launch of the Initiative

July 2017



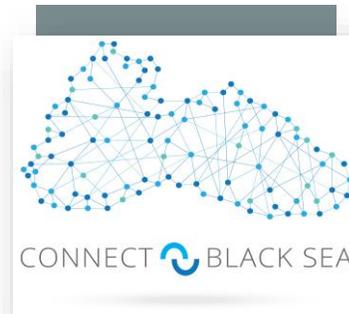
Burgas EMD – Vision Paper for SRIA

August 2018



Bucharest Declaration on SRIA

May 2019



Black Sea CONNECT CSA

October 2019



Black Sea CONNECT Kick-off

December 2019



SRIA National Stakeholder Consultation Meetings

Sep-Oct 2020



Black Sea Young Ambassadors P. Launch

October 2020





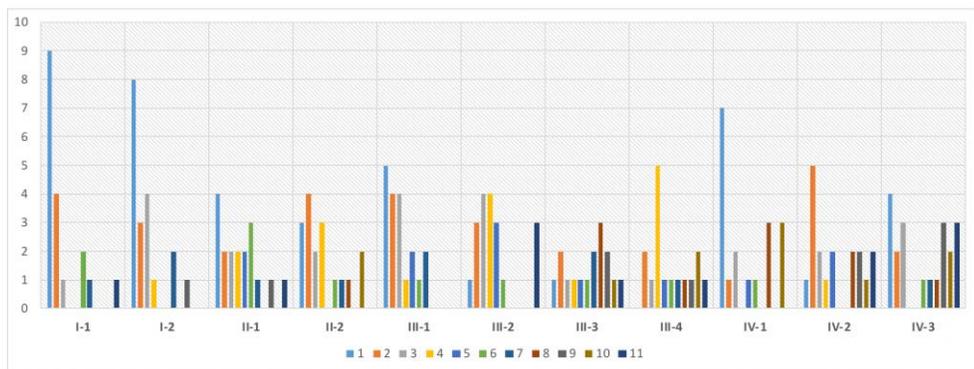
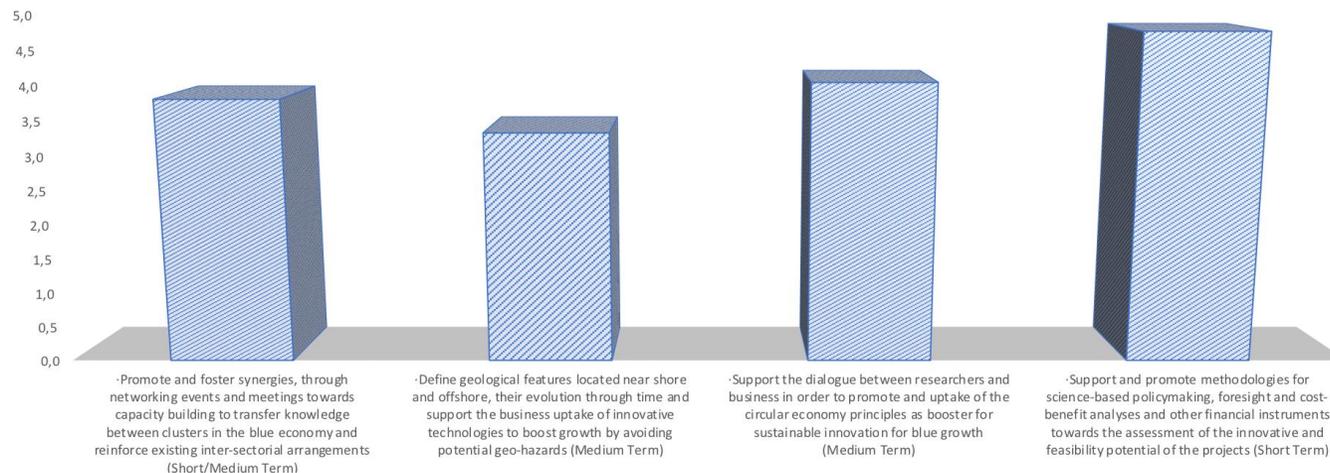
7 Countries

At least 600
stakeholders
reached out

Online platforms
enabled 'big data' –
high amounts of
input – still analysing

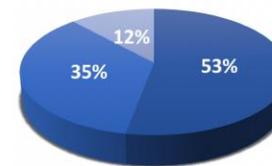


Main Goal 1 - Supporting marine and maritime research and innovation domains of all the Black Sea countries to create synergy, increase economic benefits, reduce hazards in service of prospering, resilient and empowered communities deriving interest from the Black Sea basin



Ranking of the 11 Goals in the SRIA (output of the collated preliminary survey) by Pillars (I-IV)

Participants profile

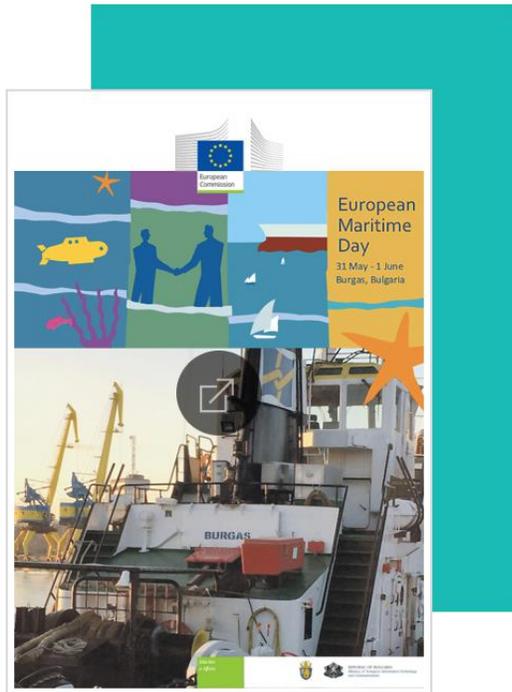


- Universities, Research Institutes
- Public sector (ministries, municipalities)
- Civil society



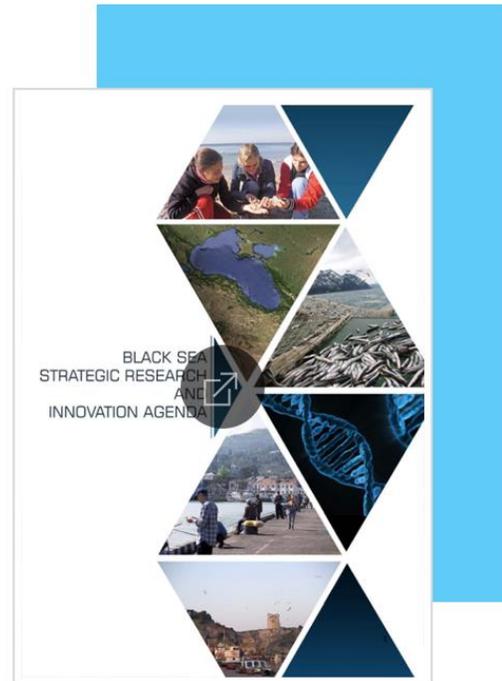
2018

Burgas Vision Paper



2019

Black Sea SRIA



2021 (1st draft)

Implementation Plan



- **R&I slowed down, sectors affected but recovery has begun**
- **New opportunities in digitization and many more**
- **Sharing (ideas, results, progress, dialogue) will be more important in the post-Covid era**
- **We cannot go in parallel, we need to go together**

