

## RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN THE BLACK SEA

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



ONLINE EVENT  
29-30 OCTOBER 2020

#ConnectBlackSeaYouth  
#Connect2BlackSea



**MARIYA GABRIEL**

European Commissioner for Innovation,  
Research, Culture, Education and Youth

### FIRST COHORT 2020-2023

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**Black Sea Young Ambassador Programme** was developed to unite youth for the future of the Black Sea, for a healthy, resilient, and sustainable Black Sea, in **September 2020**, under the **Black Sea CONNECT CSA**. They are young early career ocean professionals who come from different backgrounds in marine and maritime research, industry, policy, and civil society, and either in educational programmes or in the early stages of their carrier. In the **Black Sea Day** dedicated event, on **30 October 2020**, the Black Sea Young Ambassadors Programme was officially launched by the **European Commissioner Mariya Gabriel**.

Black Sea Young Ambassadors both play an important role in advocating for Blue Economy in the Black Sea, promote the goals of the **Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda and its Implementation Plan**. Considering the success of the programme, the BSYA has been linked with the **EU H2020 BRIDGE-BS** project not only increasing the impact of the programme and its visibility but also ensuring its sustainability. Together with BRIDGE-BS, not only the foundations of the Black Sea Young Ambassadors' work and efforts but also the bridge they have created between society and science will be getting stronger and broader in scope.

### SECOND COHORT 2023-2025

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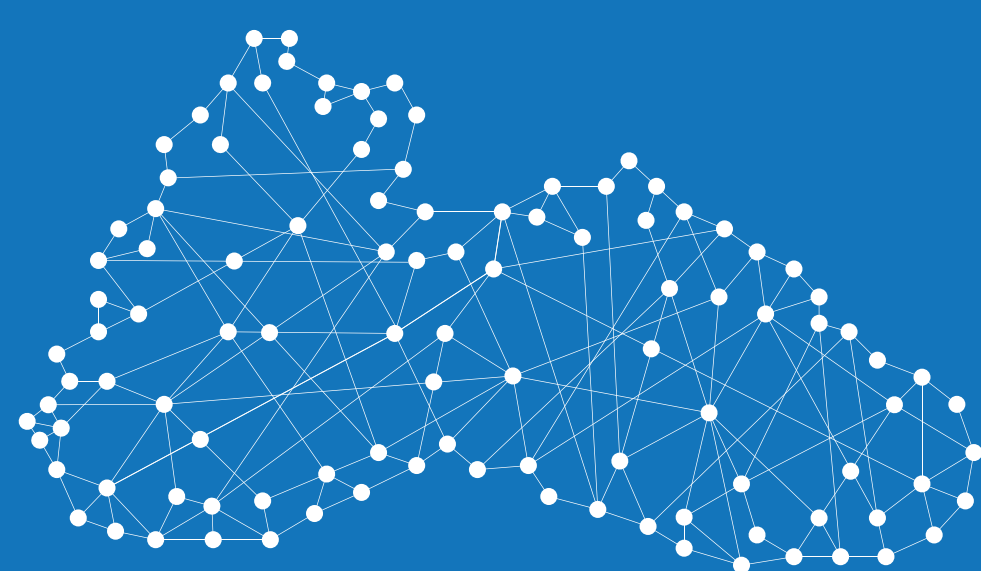
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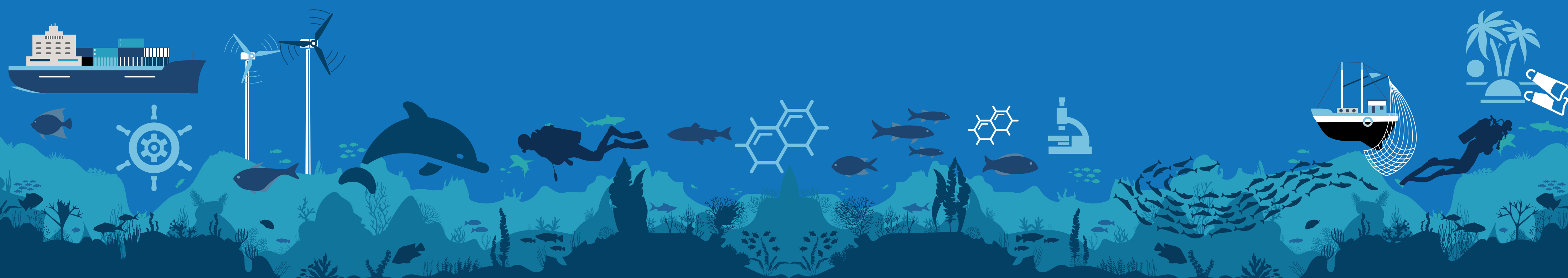


CONNECT  BLACK SEA

# THE BLACK SEA STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AGENDA NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS

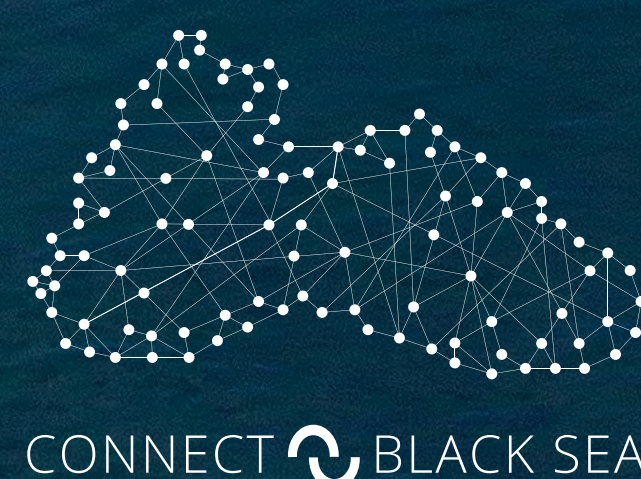
## 2020-2023

Two rounds of national consultations took place with a diverse profile of stakeholders from policy, industry, academia and civil society. The outputs of these consultations provided national level input to the Black Sea SRIA Implementation Plan.



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# BLACK SEA CONNECT MARINE LITTER ACTION FORUM

14-15  
NOVEMBER 2022 | ISTANBUL  
TÜRKİYE

## » ABOUT THE FORUM

The Forum presented the actions already in place and featured emerging new initiatives and projects in order to best coordinate all efforts towards a common approach at the basin level.

With networking opportunities and scientific poster sessions, the event attracted over 200 distinct stakeholders from the private sector, academia, ministries, funding agencies, and NGOs from the Black Sea region, Europe, and beyond.



### OVER 200 DISTINCT STAKEHOLDERS

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### WATCH THE EVENT FILM!

Scan the QR code for the event film, press release, photographs, and presentations.



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# BLACK SEA CONNECT INNOVATION WORKSHOP

2 FEBRUARY 2022  
ONLINE

## » ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

BLACK SEA CONNECT INNOVATION WORKSHOP WAS ORGANIZED IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH IFREMER AND PÔLE MER MÉDITERRANÉE TO BRING MARITIME AND INNOVATION CLUSTERS TOGETHER IN THE BLACK SEA WITH MORE DEVELOPED EUROPEAN COUNTERPARTS. THE WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTED THE NECESSITY AND IMPORTANCE OF INNOVATION IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER COMPONENTS SUCH AS POLICY, SCIENCE, AND SOCIETY.

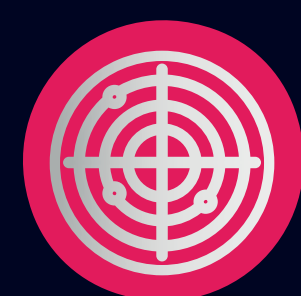
DIFFERENT CHALLENGES OF IMPORTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARINE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION WERE DISCUSSED INCLUDING THE DIGITAL TRANSITION, THE ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION, THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY, THE TRANSITION FROM RESEARCH TO THE MARKET, THE FORMATION OF A MARITIME CLUSTER FOR THE BLACK SEA, AND THE KEY ISSUE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDING.



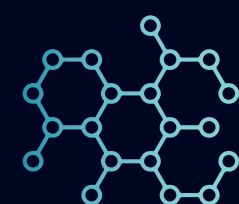
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DIFFERENT SECTORS



RENEWABLE  
ENERGY



OCEAN  
OBSERVATION



SUSTAINABLE  
FISHERIES



MARINE  
RESEARCH



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