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## Sustainable development of the blue economy of the Black Sea

*Enhancing marine and maritime cooperation*

30 January 2014, 08.45 – 17.30

*Hotel JW Marriot Bucharest Grand Hotel, Bucharest, Romania*

### PROGRAMME<sup>12</sup>

**(Working language: EN, RO, RU)**

- 08.45 – 09.15** Registration
- 09.15 – 09.30** Opening remarks
- Mr Victor Ponta, Prime Minister of Romania
- 09.30 – 10.30** Key note speakers
- Ms Maria Damanaki, EU Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
  - Mr Titus Corlăţean, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania
  - Mr Kristian Vigenin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria
  - Ms Ramona Mănescu, Minister for Transport of Romania
  - Mr Iulian Groza, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova
  - Mr Shalva Amiredjibi, Deputy Minister for Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia
- 10.30 – 11.00** Coffee break (Press corner)
- 11.00 – 11.45** **Panel 1:** Partnership in the region to foster maritime cooperation
- The diversity in the Black Sea region presents both an opportunity and a challenge for cooperation. Several regional bodies contribute to building trust and confidence in the region and research organisations support policymakers. The discussion would shed light on how to ensure a better integrated maritime approach and how this can reflect positively on the investment climate, and thus improve overall competitiveness of the region. Successful regional cooperation should also involve civil society, academia and local authorities.*
- Moderation:** Prof Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, Kadir Has University Istanbul

<sup>1</sup> All sessions are meant to be plenary sessions.

<sup>2</sup> State of play 27 January 2014.

**Panelists:**

- Ambassador Dr Victor Tvircun, Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC PERMIS)
- Ambassador David Kereselidze, Director General of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)
- Dr Valeria Abaza, Pollution Monitoring & Assessment Officer, Permanent Secretariat of the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (BSC)
- Ms Olivia Baci, President of the Black Sea NGO Forum/Romanian NDGO Platform (FOND)

**11.45 – 12.00**

**Panel 2:** Blue Growth: the Integrated Maritime Policy

*The rising focus on a more sustainable use of the sea and the potential of “blue growth” and job creation calls for more efforts, including pulling financial resources from public and private sources alike, towards achieving better coordination in the marine and maritime sectors, as well as an increased effort in areas such as aquaculture, seabed mining, sea energy, blue biotechnology and coastal tourism, where a little extra attention over and above what is already being done can make a big difference.*

- Ms Norica Nicolai, ALDE, Member of the European Parliament, Romania
- Ms Monique Pariat, Director, Mediterranean and Black Sea, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

**12.00 – 13.00**

**Panel 3:** Promoting cooperation on fisheries management as well as sustainable sea food production and consumption

*Fishing and processing of fish products is one of the major maritime economic activities in the region and source of substantial employment for coastal communities. More coordination on fisheries matters could lead to better fisheries collaboration and to give stocks a chance to recover. Meanwhile, the importance of aquaculture is increasing.*

**Moderation:** Mr Fabrizio Donatella, Head of Unit, Conservation and Control in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

**Panelists:**

- Mr Abdellah Srouf, Executive Secretary, General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)
- Mr Simion Nicolaev, Director – National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa"
- Mr Dimitar Dimitrov, Authorized representative of the Black Sea Sunrise Fisheries Association, Bulgaria
- Mrs Oksana Vialova, Executive Director of Cluster “Products of the Sea”, Sevastopol, Ukraine
- Prof Bayram Öztürk, Faculty for Fisheries, University of Istanbul, Turkey
- **Question and Answer session**

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.00 **Panel 4:** Preserving the marine environment of the Black Sea

*Nutrient enrichment, land- and sea-based pollution, loss of biodiversity and coastal degradation have been identified as the major issues affecting the environmental state of the Black Sea. There is a consensus among the littoral states that a coordinated approach is required which will have to include methodologically consistent environmental monitoring. Based on the example of two projects in this field (MSFD Guiding Improvements in the Black Sea In Monitoring System – MISIS & Improving Environmental Monitoring of the Black Sea - EMBLAS), this session will bring forward the main challenges to bridging the gap between the political commitments and the actual implementation of concrete monitoring activities and identify ways to remove these barriers.*

**Moderation:** Ms Carmen Falkenberg-Ambrosio, Head of Section, Regional Programmes Neighbourhood East, DG Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid, European Commission

**Panelists:**

- Prof Marusya Luybcheva, S&D, Member of the European Parliament, Bulgaria
- Mr Nicola Di Pietrantonio, Project Manager, Regional Programmes Neighbourhood East Mediterranean and Black Sea, DG Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid, European Commission
- Mr Andrzej Januszewski, Desk Officer for Ukraine and Central Asia, International, Regional & Bilateral Relations, DG Environment, European Commission
- Black Sea Country Commissioners/Representatives: Ms Violeta Roiatchka (Bulgaria), Mr George Mamukadze (Georgia), Mr Gheorghe Constantin (Romania), Mr Oleksandr Bon (Ukraine)
- **Question and Answer session**

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 **Panel 5:** Fostering the Black Sea economy through cross-border projects and maritime clusters

*Projects carried out on both sides of a common border are a major driver for development of the local economy, source of innovation and integration across sectors, and a promoter of on-ground "people-to-people" actions. Coastal regions largely benefit from such projects, absorbing over EUR 28 Mio between 2007 and 2013. Maritime clusters, on the other hand, emerge as an efficient cooperation structure, a catalyst for the development of an integrated approach to maritime affairs and maritime cross-sectoral cooperation services, be it at local, national level, sub-regional or broader levels, in the meaning of platforms for exchange of expertise and best practices*

*amongst industry, research institutes, academies and employer's representatives from the region. To prosper and flourish however, these clusters require stronger local and regional involvement.*

**Moderation:** Ms Beate Gminder, Head of Unit, Maritime Policy in Mediterranean and Black Sea, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

**Panelists:**

- Mr Liviu Oboroc, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Regional Development and Constructions of the Republic of Moldova and focal point for the Danube Strategy
- Ms Iulia Hertzog, Director of the Managing Authority of the ENPI CBC Black Sea in the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania
- Mr Nikolaos Emirzas, Executive Manager of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC PERMIS)
- Mr David Javakhadze, Acting Deputy Head of the Transport Policy Department, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
- Mr Ayhan Özkan, Deputy Governor of Edirne Province and President of the Balkan and Black Sea Commission, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR)
- Ms Tanya Dimitrova, Policy officer, EU Neighbourhood, Middle East, Black Sea region, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Mr Marciel Bustinduy Navas, Sustainable Transport Specialist, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- **Question and Answer session**

**17.00 – 17.30**

Way forward & Closing remarks

- Mr Peter Kirov, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Transport, Information Technologies and Communication of Bulgaria
- Ms Monique Pariat, Director, Mediterranean and Black Sea, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission