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Stakeholder webinar

Monday, 29 March 2021, 15:30-17:30 (GMT+2)

Online on Zoom with simultaneous translation

Consultations on:

BLUEING THE BLACK SEA PROGRAM

in support of THE *COMMON MARITIME AGENDA FOR THE BLACK SEA*



LAUNCH OF THE REPORT: BULGARIA

BLUE ECONOMY POLICY NOTE:

TOWARD BLUE ECONOMY

DEVELOPMENT IN BULGARIA

AND

CONSULTATIONS ON THE DESIGN OF

BLUEING THE BLACK SEA

PROGRAMME -

A REGIONAL INITIATIVE TO TACKLE

MARINE POLLUTION AND CLIMATE

CHANGE

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| 15.30 – 16.00 | WELCOME ADDRESS |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Amb. Michael B. CHRISTIDES, Secretary General, Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS), Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) • Mr. Steven SCHONBERGER, Director for Sustainable Development Europe and Central Asia, World Bank • Ms. Fabrizio ZARCONE, Country Manager, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Czech Republic • Ms. Iliana TODOROVA, Deputy Minister of Environment and Water of the Republic of Bulgaria • Ms. Denitsa NIKOLOVA, Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public works of the Republic of Bulgaria (TBC) • Ms. Nadezhda BUHOVA, Director, Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technologies and CMA National Coordinator • Ms. Patrizia BUSOLINI, Policy Officer, Black Sea, DG MARE <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Paola AGOSTINI, <i>Lead Environmental Specialist, World Bank</i></p> |
| | FAMILY PHOTO |
| 16.00 – 16.30 | SESSION 1: BULGARIA BLUE ECONOMY POLICY NOTE: TOWARD BLUE ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT IN BULGARIA |
| | <p>The Black Sea’s unique coastal and marine resources are of great natural value and bear substantial socio-economic benefit, but also offer opportunities for the sustainable growth of the industries that depend on them. The post-pandemic recovery of the economy, the ambitious targets of the European Green Deal and the new EU multiannual financial framework (2021–27) pose both challenges for the blue economy sectors and opportunities for the Bulgarian authorities in their efforts to restore growth and jobs. The economic value of Bulgaria’s blue economy is significant and can provide a sizable contribution to the country’s post-pandemic economic recovery. This session will present the recent policy note “<i>Toward Blue Economy Development in Bulgaria</i>” developed by the World Bank in collaboration with the Government of Bulgaria and seek feedback on its recommendations and the way forward.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Ms. Adriana DAMIANOVA, <i>Lead Environmental Specialist, World Bank;</i> Ms. Eolina MILOVA, <i>Senior Environment Specialist, World Bank</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Svetoslav STOYANOV, <i>Blue Economy Expert</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Poll and Q & A Session</i></p> |

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| 16.30 – 16.50 | SESSION 2: BLUEING THE BLACK SEA PROGRAM (BBSEA): TURNING THE TIDE OF POLLUTION IN THE BLACK SEA |
| <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> | <p>Session 2 will present the concept of the <i>Regional Blueing the Black Sea Programme</i> (BBSEA) with a specific focus on its analytical component. The latter represents a World Bank-led effort to establish an up-to-date diagnostic of the state of play and the issues at stake regarding marine pollution in the Black Sea on the example of the efforts of the coastal countries. Through a targeted discussion the panel will aim to identify the sources, impacts and prevention efforts (information and institutional gaps) related to marine pollution in the Black Sea basin. The findings will feed into a regional level pollution diagnostic paper, which, in turn, will inform the BBSEA program.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p><i>Mr. Owen MCINTYRE</i>, BBSEA legal expert, LL.M. Director, University College Cork</p> <p><i>Mr. Nicola BERTOLINI</i>, BBSEA pollution expert, Manager, Ambiente SPA</p> <p><i>Ms. Iryna MAKARENKO</i>, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Poll and Q & A Session</i></p> |
| 16.50 – 17.10 | SESSION 3: BLUEING THE BLACK SEA PROGRAM: BBSEA GEF PROJECT |
| <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> | <p>Working session 3 will centre on the investment component of the planned BBSEA – a Regional project funded by the Global Environmental Facility. The discussion will contribute to the understanding of the priorities of public authorities and private stakeholders with respect to the overall project and its parts and to the promotion of eco-sustainable business practices, innovation, and finance that support pollution reduction. The session will touch upon avenues to involve financial institutions in funding and promoting green technology investments, focusing on pollution reduction.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p><i>Ms. Rositsa STOEVA</i>, Executive Manager, Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS), Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC); BBSEA Project Manager</p> <p><i>Ms. Bérengère PRINCE</i>, Lead Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Poll and Q & A Session</i></p> |

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| 17.10 – 17.20 | SESSION 4: CROSS-BORDER MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING FOR BLACK SEA BULGARIA AND ROMANIA, The MARSPLAN-BS II |
| <i>Speaker:</i> | <p>The final session will briefly present the outcomes of the MARSPLAN-BS II project, which brought together an outstanding partnership of eight key Bulgarian and Romanian institutions and organizations. Funded by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, the project supported the development of Bulgaria’s first ever maritime spatial plan and helped ensure Romania’s coherence with the maritime spatial plan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p><i>TBC - MRDPW</i></p> |
| 17.20 – 17.30 | WRAP-UP OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS |
| <i>Speakers:</i> | <p><i>Ms. Rositsa STOEVA</i>, Executive Manager, BSEC PERMIS; BBSEA Project Manager</p> <p><i>Ms. Bérengère PRINCE</i>, Lead Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank</p> |