

**TOWARDS A
'BLUEING THE BLACK SEA PROGRAMME'
A REGIONAL INITIATIVE TO TACKLE MARINE
POLLUTION IN THE BLACK SEA**

in support of the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea

Thursday, 4 February 2021, 11.00-13.00 (GMT+3)

Online

(by invitations only)

Hosted by:



**REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
AND URBANISATION**



With the support of the:



Thursday, 4 February 2021¹

11.00 – 11.20	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)- Prof. Dr. Mehmet Emin BİRPINAR, Deputy Minister for Environment and Urbanization of the Republic of Turkey, BBSEA Focal Point (TBC)- Ministry of Transport, Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea National Focal Point (TBC)- Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission (TBC)- Mr. Auguste Tano KOUAME, Country Director for the Republic of Turkey, World Bank
	FAMILY PHOTO
11.20 – 11.30	SETTING THE SCENE
	<p>The plenary session will present the concept of the planned Global Environmental Facility-funded 'Blueing the Black Sea Programme' (BBSEA-GEF) with its objectives, components, timeline and coverage.</p> <p>Speaker: Ms Bérengère PRINCE, Lead Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank</p>
11.30 – 12.00	Working session 1: Turning the Tide of Pollution in the Black Sea
	<p>The working session will introduce the World Bank-led effort to establish an up-to-date diagnostic of the state of play and 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 at identifying the sources, impacts and prevention efforts (information and institutional gaps) related to marine pollution, as well the key pollution challenges in Turkey. The findings will feed into an in-country pollution diagnostic paper, which, in turn, will inform the BBSEA-GEF architecture.</p> <p>Moderation: Ms Iryna MAKARENKO, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution</p> <p>Speakers: World Bank experts</p>

¹ As it stands on 28.1.2021.

	Q & A Session
12.00 – 12.45	Working session 2: BBSEA GEF Project, Focus on Turkey
	<p>The working session will present the planned BBSEA-GEF project and aim at gathering feedback on its key components. The panel discussion will aim at understanding the priorities of public authorities and private stakeholders related to the overall project and within it, the promotion of eco-sustainable business practices, innovation and finance supporting 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>Moderation: Mr Svetoslav STOYANOV, Blue Economy Expert</p> <p>Speaker: Ms Rositsa STOEVA, Executive Manager, BSEC PERMIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Q & A Session</p>
12.45 – 13.00	WRAP-UP OF THE PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS
	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Bérengère PRINCE, Lead Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank - Ms Rositsa STOEVA, Executive Manager, BSEC PERMIS