



BLUEING THE BLACK SEA PROGRAM

***A REGIONAL INITIATIVE TO TACKLE
MARINE POLLUTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE
IN SUPPORT OF
THE COMMON MARITIME AGENDA FOR THE BLACK SEA***

Thursday, 11 March 2021, 14.00-16.00 pm (GMT+2)

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14.00 – 14.20	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) • Ms. Iryna STAVCHUK, Deputy Minister of Regional and European Integration of Ukraine • Mr. Steven SCHONBERGER, Director for Sustainable Development Europe and Central Asia, World Bank • Ms. Patrizia BUSOLINI, Policy Officer, Sea-basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE), European Commission <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Oksana RAKOVYCH, <i>Environmental Specialist, World Bank</i></p>
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14.20 – 14.30	SETTING THE SCENE
	<p>The plenary session will present the concept of the planned Global Environmental Facility-funded <i>Blueing the Black Sea Programme</i> (BBSEA-GEF) with its objectives, components, timeline and coverage.</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Ms. Bérengère PRINCE, <i>Lead Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank</i></p>
14.30 – 15.00	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 Ukraine. The findings will feed into an in-country pollution diagnostic paper, which, in turn, will inform the BBSEA-GEF architecture.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Mr. Owen MCINTYRE, <i>Director LLM, University College Cork</i> Mr. Nicola BERTOLINI, <i>Manager, Ambiente SPA</i></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Iryna MAKARENKO, <i>Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Poll and Q & A Session</i></p>

15.00 – 15.45	WORKING SESSION 2: BBSEA GEF Project, Focus on Ukraine
<p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p>	<p>The working session will present the planned BBSEA-GEF project and will aim to gather feedback on its key components. 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><i>Ms. Rositsa STOEVA, Executive Manager, Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS), Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC); BBSEA Project Manager</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Svetoslav STOYANOV, Blue Economy Expert; BBSEA Program Officer</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Poll and Q & A Session</i></p>
15.45 – 16.00	WRAP-UP OF THE PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS
<u>Speakers:</u>	<p><i>Ms. Rositsa STOEVA, Executive Manager, Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS), Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC); BBSEA Project Manager</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Bérengère PRINCE, Lead Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank</i></p>