‘Green Energy & Blue Growth’: Drivers for Development across the Black Sea

Blue Economy: Trends and Prospects for the BSEC Member States

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Blue Economy: Why is it important?

Global figures:
- ½ of world’s population lives less than 60km distance from the sea; (UNEP)
- ¾ of all large cities, are located along the coast; (UNEP)
- 90% of global trade operations by volume, is done by the sea; (IMO)
- 70% of global trade operations by value, is by the sea (IMO)

Black Sea figures:
- 4,869 km coastline
- Over 160m of people living along the coasts
- 18 major sea ports
- 10 large rivers floating to the sea
Maritime Policy evolution in the Black Sea I

May 2019: Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea, Bucharest

- **2008**: Black Sea Synergy Initiative, Kiev
- **2014**: Black Sea Stakeholder Conference, Bucharest
- **2015**: Feasibility project on the Development of Blue Economy and IMP in the Black Sea
- **2017**: Setting up the Facility for Blue Growth in the Black Sea
- **2018**: Ministerial Declaration: Towards a Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea, Burgas
Maritime Policy evolution in the Black Sea II

Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea and Blue Economy:

- Established sectors: transport, shipbuilding, fisheries and tourism
- Research and innovation of utmost importance to unlock region’s growth potential

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Blue Growth and Blue Economy in Greece

- 9th largest coastline in the world (15,147 km)
- 80% of industrial activity, 90% of tourism and leisure and a significant part of the basic infrastructure (ports, airports, roads, electricity and telecommunications) are concentrated in the coastal zone
- Shipping, cruise tourism and seabed exploitation are competitive activities of growing importance
- NSRF: Proposed the adoption of a Blue Growth Strategy as a mean of enhancing competitiveness and extraversion
Blue Growth and Blue Economy in Greece II

- **Ministry of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy** sets Blue Growth among its priority pillars for the maritime industry:
  - Recently announced its coordination role for the development of a national strategy for the **Blue Growth**
  - Initiated cooperation with the research community, aiming to build a project portfolio of joint interest in the field of **Blue Economy**
Blue economy and improvement of connectivity via MoS

• The General Secretariat for Ports, Port Policy & Maritime Investments supports:

  • the improvement of connectivity within and beyond the Black Sea basin via the establishment of maritime routes;
  • the activation of the required activities for the implementation of the Motorways of the Sea BSEC project and;
  • the promotion of sustainable intermodal trade corridors between Greek and Black Sea ports.
From Black Sea Synergy Initiative (2007)
To the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea (2019)

- cooperation – ownership – persistence – capacity building –
  common will – common goals

NSRF (2014): recommendations to promote a blue growth strategy based on
synergies between the maritime and coastal multisector policies;

2019: improved awareness and capacity among stakeholders, blue growth
strategies and plans to be based upon and

a new programming period ahead of us!
Thank you for your attention

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