Facility for Blue Growth in the Black Sea

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Facility for Blue Growth in the Black Sea

- 2-year capacity building project launched by the European Commission
- focused on the promotion of blue growth & blue economy development in the Black Sea basin

Our mission

- Establish a comprehensive support mechanism
- Identify & engage stakeholders
- Promote regional dialogue on blue growth
- Foster Blue Economy development

Our Objectives

- Further develop maritime policies
- Promote maritime cooperation at regional level
- Engage with all relevant parties, promote awareness & facilitate ownership of Blue Growth opportunities
- Foster cooperation with national authorities, NCPs, NGOs, private businesses & society
Our Services

- Provide country assessments and promote national priorities
- Establish network of relevant stakeholders
- Communicate funding opportunities
- Promote research, innovation and best practices
- Connect promising initiatives across the Black Sea
- Support projects, at local, national and regional level
- Raise awareness

Funded by the European Commission
All started 2 years ago..
National Workshop

Preliminary assessment (facts, SWOT, propositions i.e. synergies, actions)

☑ Opportunity to share and discuss the assessment with national stakeholders

Expected outcomes:

☑ Raise awareness of Blue Economy issues and related national assets;
☑ Initiate dialogue at national and regional levels;
☑ Share and update assessment - national ownership;
☑ Identification of potential cooperation areas;
☑ Cross-exchange process between countries (bilateral, multilateral) based on national priorities of Blue Economy.
Assessment of status of national Blue Economy: Starting point for national work

Preliminary assessment: desktop study based on public secondary data:

- maritime economic activities
- maritime policy driven activities
- maritime and coastal capital (natural, human, technical)

⇒ National support needed to fill data gaps and update data
Blue economy definition and its assessment

MARITIME AND COSTAL CAPITAL

Natural (marine and coastal resources, natural heritage, space)
Human (culture, knowledge and skills, governance)
Technical (financial capital and services, infrastructures and shared means)

MARITIME AND COASTAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (MEAs)

Shipping, Fisheries, Coastal tourism, O&G Exploitation, Offshore Mining, Mariculture, Biotechnologies, Marine Renewables, Water sports, Cruise Tourism, Etc.

MANAGE AND PROTECT

MARITIME POLICY-DRIVEN ACTIVITIES

Regulation
Management of resources
Preservation of heritage
Knowledge production, transfer and dissemination

USED AND VALORIZED BY

SUPPORT

COOPERATE
Our path..

Regional Stakeholders Conference
- Present cross-regional findings
- Share challenges
- Identification of actions
- Identification of projects ideas!

Cross-regional analysis
- Main areas of potentials
- Cross-sectoral areas or cooperation
- Possible ideas for projects

BE Studies and national workshops
Draft initial analysis (desk based)
Present and discuss in Country Workshop
Receive feedback and finalise

Analysis of funding/financing
- EU Funds and opportunities
- Relevance for the BE
- Eligibility criteria

Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea and its implementation
Burgas Ministerial Declaration
Regional seminar workshop outcomes:

Workshop 1 Research and innovation
Workshop 2 maritime connectivity
Workshop 3: Blue tourism
Workshop 4: Environment
Workshop 5: Fisheries and aquaculture
Workshop 6: Skills

Common maritime agenda

Goal I: Healthy marine and coastal ecosystems
- Priority 1: protection and sustainability of marine ecosystem
- Priority 2: marine pollution and litter
- Priority 3: Support sustainable fisheries and aquaculture
- Priority 4: innovative marine research infrastructures
- Priority 5: production, management and sharing of knowledge

Goal II: A competitive, innovative and sustainable blue economy for the Black Sea
- Priority 1: Foster innovative business models, stimulate research
- Priority 2: Promote transport and digital connectivity
- Priority 3: Promote blue skills and blue careers as an engine for innovation and competitiveness

Goal III: Fostering Investment in the Black Sea Blue Economy
- Priority 1: Improve access to financial resources and promote sustainable investment in the Blue economy
- Priority 2: Promote maritime entrepreneurship and clusters

Proposed Actions and project ideas
Set up of Black Sea Stakeholder network for Blue economy

Good level of progress in the set up of National Focal Point network

National workshops very useful for identification of national stakeholders of Blue Economy:

- Ministries and related institutional agencies;
- Companies and related private sector;
- NGOs;
- Research and education organisations;
- Others.

Some issues:

- Need for national organisation to shift from sectoral to cross-sectoral approach (integrated);
- On going national administrative reforms;
- Need to enhance involvement of private sector.
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The Facility for Blue Growth in the Black Sea provides guidance and support to governments, private investors, trade and industrial associations, research institutions and universities and to the general public regarding opportunities to engage in Blue Economy maritime activities in the Black Sea region.

OUR INTERVENTION AREAS FOR THE BLACK SEA

https://blackseablueconomy.eu
Results in less than 2 years

Facility:
- National Studies Country’s Blue Economy Assessment
- 7 National Workshops (+2 to be planned until end of November 2019 (RO an UA)
- 2 Regional Meetings (Burgas (2018), Istanbul (2019))
- Black Sea Blue Growth community
- Support of 2 blue economy projects with regional cooperation

Support for Political endorsement:
- Burgas Declaration in 2018
- Common Maritime Agenda and SRIA was endorsed after Bucharest by the European Council and BSEC in 2019

=> Shared frames for Blue Economy development at national and regional level

Next Steps... to keep the momentum after the end of the Facility:
- Already an Assistance Mechanism for SRIA implementation (Black Sea CONNECT)
- Set up of a steering committee for CMA implementation (December 2019)
- Settlement of Black Sea Blue Economy VKC under BSEC PERMIS
- Launch of an Assistance Mechanism of the sea basin (2020)
THANK YOU