



## ***How has the Covid-19 pandemic affected Blue Economy in the Black Sea region? Potential response actions***

**Tuesday, 16 June 2020**

**3pm EEST (2pm CEST)**

An online workshop to exchange views on the initial impact of the Covid-19 outbreak on key sectors of the Blue Economy in the Black Sea region, i.e. coastal and maritime tourism, maritime transport, fisheries and aquaculture. Particular attention will be paid on identifying potential response actions, also through the regional framework provided by the [Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea](#).

### **Agenda**

**Moderator:** *Mr. Stavros KALOGNOMOS, Executive Secretary, Balkan and Black Sea Commission (BBSK), Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)*

**Opening Remarks:** **Regional dimension of the impact of Covid-19 and the importance to reinforce cooperation** – Mr. Alexandru ENE, Director for the Western Balkans and Regional Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania

### **Panelists:**

- **The strategic role of the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea in supporting a coherent and coordinated response** – Mr. Christos ECONOMOU, Head of Unit Sea-basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, DG MARE

### ***Challenges and potential response actions:***

- **Coastal and Maritime Tourism sector** – Mr. Peter JANECH, Senior Officer, Department for Europe, UN World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)
- **Maritime Transport** – Ms. Nadezhda BUHOVA, Director of European Coordination and International Relations Directorate and Coordinator of the Steering Group on the Common Maritime Agenda, Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications of the Republic of Bulgaria
- **Fisheries and Aquaculture** – Mr. Konstantin PETROV, GFCM Subregional Coordinator for the Black Sea

### ***Q&A Session***



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