



BSTDB – ICBSS Webinar

Post-Pandemic Recovery of the Black Sea Economies

Friday, 17 July 2020

10am EEST (9am CEST)

In light of the recent paper “[The Pandemic Crisis and the Black Sea Region - Impact, Policy Responses and the Role of Multilateral Development Banks](#)” by the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB), the discussion should take the countries of the Black Sea Region as its epicentre and consider i) recent developments, ii) effective and ineffective responses, iii) how the private sector is coping and re-opening, iv) key threats and challenges to the efforts to re-start economies and re-establish external trade, investment and financing links, and v) how the pandemic and the downturn it induced may impact long term economic trends.

Agenda

Keynote opening:

- **Dmitry PANKIN**, President, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB)
- **Koba GVENETADZE**, Governor, National Bank of Georgia

Panelists:

- **Elliott AUCKLAND**, Chief Economist, International Investment Bank
- **Ebru BARUTÇU GÖKDENİZLER**, First Deputy Secretary General, BSEC PERMIS
- **Lenna KOSZARNY**, Founding Partner and Chief Executive Officer, Horizon Capital, Ukraine
- **Yaroslav LISSOVOLIK**, Programme Director at the Valdai Discussion Club, Member of the Government Expert Council, Russian Federation
- **Nikos VETTAS**, Director General, Foundation for Economic & Industrial Research, Greece

Moderator: Panayiotis GAVRAS, Head of Policy and Strategy, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB)

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