



## Regional Stakeholders Conference

# Black Sea Synergy: the way forward

Thursday, 7 November 2019

Royal Olympic Hotel  
Athens, Greece

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## Agenda

8.30 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 9.40	Opening Words
	<b>Mr. Georgios MITRAKOS</b> , Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)
9.40 – 10.10	Welcome Address
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>H.E. Amb. Michael B. CHRISTIDES</b>, Secretary General, BSEC PERMIS</li><li>- <b>Ms. Ioanna EFTHYMIADOU</b>, Minister Plenipotentiary B, Director B2 Directorate for Bilateral Economic Relations with Balkan, CIS &amp; OCBS countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic</li><li>- <b>Mr. Alexandru ENE</b>, Director for the Western Balkans and Regional Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania</li><li>- <b>Ms. Julia TZEROVA</b>, Head of Regional Cooperation Dept., Southeastern Europe Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria</li><li>- <b>Mr. Vassilis MARAGOS</b>, Head of Unit Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus &amp; Eastern Partnership, DG NEAR, European Commission</li></ul>

10.10 – 10.30	<b>Keynote Speech</b>
	<b>Ms. Audrone PERKAUSKIENE</b> , Head of Division Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service (EEAS)
10.30 – 11.45	<b>Plenary Session. Black Sea Synergy Outlook</b>
	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mr. Georgios MITRAKOS</b>, Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>EU's engagement to the Black Sea regional cooperation: the Black Sea Synergy initiative</b> <i>Ms. Diana TASE</i>, Policy Officer for Black Sea Synergy and Eastern Partnership, Division Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, EEAS</li> <li>- <b>Connect to Black Sea, Black Sea Blue Growth Initiative</b> <i>Dr. Evangelos PAPATHANASSIOU &amp; Ms. Ezgi SAHIN</i>, METU Institute of Marine Sciences</li> <li>- <b>The Black Sea NGO Forum: Supporting civil society regional cooperation in the Black Sea area</b> <i>Ms. Adela RUSU</i>, Executive Director, Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND</li> <li>- <b>EMBLAS-Plus: Implementation of the EU marine and water policy in the Black Sea region</b> <i>Dr. Jaroslav SLOBODNIK</i>, EU/UNDP EMBLAS-Plus Project Team Leader, Technical Coordinator of the Joint Danube Survey 4</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Q &amp; A Session</i></p>
11.45 – 12.15	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12.15 – 13.30	<b>Morning Parallel Working Groups</b>
	<p><b>Format:</b> The four working groups will be held in an interactive manner with targeted questions and discussions amongst moderators and participants in order to a) to <b>assess lessons learnt, opportunities &amp; challenges</b> in each cooperation field; b) to <b>identify and propose concrete ideas and projects</b> that can be later pursued in funding mechanisms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Working Group 1. Culture &amp; Tourism</b> <i>Meeting room: PANORAMA</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mr. Stavros KALOGNOMOS</b>, Executive Secretary, CPMR Balkan &amp; Black Sea Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Working Group 2. Transport</b> <i>Meeting room: CONFERENCE ROOM 2</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mr. Lefteris SDOUKOPOULOS</b>, Associate Researcher, Hellenic Institute of Transport/Centre for Research Technology-Hellas (CERTH)</p>

13.30– 14.30	<i>Light lunch</i>
14.30 – 15.45	<b>Afternoon Parallel Working Groups</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Working Group 3. Education</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Meeting room: PANORAMA</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Anton AFANASYEV, Senior Researcher, Southern Federal University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Working Group 4. Energy</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Meeting room: CONFERENCE ROOM 2</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Marika KARAGIANNI, Energy expert, University of Peloponnese, University of Thessaly</p>
15.45– 16.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.15 – 17.15	<b>Plenary Session. Results from WGs</b>
	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Georgia CHANTZI, Research Fellow, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working Group 1. Culture &amp; Tourism</li> <li>- Working Group 2. Transport</li> <li>- Working Group 3. Education</li> <li>- Working Group 4. Energy</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Q &amp; A Session</i></p>
17.15 – 17.30	<b>Conclusions &amp; Next Steps</b>

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