



11th International Black Sea Symposium

A collective recovery for the Black Sea Region in the post-covid era

Tuesday 20 April 2021

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Draft Agenda	
10.00 – 10.10	<i>Opening</i> <i>Mr. Georgios MITRAKOS, Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)</i>
10.10 – 10.20	Welcome Note Mr. Akaki LOMIDZE, Head of Division of Multilateral and Regional Economic Cooperation of the Dept. of International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)
10.20 – 11.00	In focus: Regional response to the COVID-19 pandemic
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– H.E. Amb. Michael B. CHRISTIDES, Secretary General, BSEC PERMIS– Mr. Jeroen WILLEMS, Deputy Head of Unit, NEAR.C.2 Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus & Eastern Partnership, European Commission <p style="text-align: center;">Q & A</p>
11.00 – 11.50	Session I. National response to the pandemic: Views from the Black Sea countries
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Representative of the Republic of Armenia (<i>tbd</i>)– Ms. Tamar KORIAULI, Deputy Head, Georgian National Tourism

	<p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Andriy VILENSKYI, Acting Head of the National Health Service of Ukraine <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Q & A</i></p>
11.50 – 12.00	<i>Comfort break</i>
12.00 – 13.15	Session II. Post-pandemic economic recovery: challenges and priorities.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representative of Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) (<i>tbd</i>) - Mr. Stavros KALOGNOMOS, Executive Secretary, Balkan and Black Sea Commission, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR) - Ms. Patrizia BUSOLINI, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Sea-basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, European Commission - Prof. Dr. Alexandru STRATAN, Director, National Institute for Economic Research of the Republic of Moldova <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Q & A</i></p>
13.15 – 13.30	<i>Comfort break</i>
13.30 – 14.30	Session III. Development and Innovation to build forward better.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Dr. Phoebe KOUNDOURI, Athens University of Economics and Business, Fellow World Academy of Art and Science, President Elect European AERE - Dr. Anton AFANASYEV, State expert on Science & Technology, Authorized representative for International Relations with the BSEC Member States, Senior Researcher at the Southern Federal University - Ms. Melike ERGÜN, Programme Coordinator, TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), International Cooperation Department , Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation Division <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Q & A</i></p>



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