



11th International Black Sea Symposium

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

Tuesday 20 April 2021

10 – 14.30 EEST

Agenda

Moderated by Dr. Gerasimos RODOTHEATOS

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10.00 – 10.10	Opening Mr. Georgios MITRAKOS, Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)
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;"><i>Q & A</i></p>

11.00 – 11.50	Session I. National response to the pandemic: Views from the Black Sea countries
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Elina SIMONYAN, Advisor, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Armenia - Ms. Tamar KORIAULI, Deputy Head, Georgian National Tourism Administration - 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"> - Mr. Ghinea Arminio IORGA, Head, Policy and Strategy, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) - 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

- **Assist. Prof. Dr. Renata PETREVSKA NECHKOSKA**, “St. Kliment Ohridski”
University of Bitola, Post Doc. at the University of Ghent, & **Prof. Dr.**
Milen BALTOV, Burgas Free University

Q & A



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