



# SCIENCE-POLICY DIALOGUE FORUM FOR A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY IN THE BLACK SEA

Wednesday 29 March 2023

Thessaloniki (Greece)

*By Invitation Only*

The **Science – Policy Dialogue Forum** is organised under the Horizon 2020-funded BRIDGE – BS project, with the aim to bring together scientists and policy-makers to exchange on key cross-cutting issues in established and emerging blue economy sectors in the Black Sea.

The event will be developed in **three interactive thematic Working Groups** (WGs) of moderated discussions focusing on **i) multiple stressors on the Black Sea ecosystem, ii) innovation & entrepreneurship, iii) capacity building & skills**, in order to enable a constructive science-policy dialogue based on actual needs and priorities.

Special emphasis will be placed on creating a science-policy synergy to facilitate further future exchanges and follow-up actions.

Objectives:

- Bring together scientists and researchers with policy-making and policy-delivery stakeholders to support the creation of a science-policy stream;
- Enable constructive dialogue and two-way exchange on key cross-cutting issues on emerging and established BE sectors;
- Contribute to the creation of the cooperation framework for the future uptake of the project's results.

The event is addressed to policy-makers, policy-delivery stakeholders, researchers and academia representatives involved in the blue economy sectors from the Black Sea countries.

The event's working language is English. The event will be held onsite only.



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## Draft Agenda

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09.00 – 09.45 Registration

09.45 – 10.00 Welcome Address

10.00 – 10.45 Plenary Session I.

- Overview of Regional Frameworks for Blue Economy and BRIDGE –BS by Project Coordinator

#### Introduction to the Working Groups by WP8 Leads/WGs Moderators (*tbd*)

**Format:** Participants will be divided into **three working groups** of moderated discussions focusing on the three cross-cutting issues **i) multiple stressors on the Black Sea ecosystem, ii) innovation & entrepreneurship, iii) capacity building & skills**. At the end of each round, moderators will rotate to a different working group for a new discussion. Each round of discussions will last one hour.

10.45 – 11.45 Working Groups

11.45 – 12.15 COFFEE BREAK

12.15 – 13.15 Working Groups

13.15 – 14.30 NETWORKING LUNCH

14.30 – 15.30 Working Groups

15.30 – 16.00 COFFEE BREAK

16.00 – 17.00 Plenary Session II. Key takeaways and next steps



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