



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

Wednesday 29 March 2023

Makedonia Palace, Thessaloniki (Greece)

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) multistressors on the Black Sea ecosystem, ii) innovation & entrepreneurship, iii) ocean literacy, 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 blue economy 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 is held onsite only.



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Agenda

Tuesday 28 March 2023

20.00 – 22.00 **Welcome Networking Cocktail**
Venue: 'Aristotelis I' Hall (Ground floor)

Wednesday 29 March 2023

09.00 – 10.00 **Registration**
Venue: 'Alexandros II' Hall (Ground floor)

10.00 – 10.45 **Plenary Session I.**

– **Opening words**

Ms. Georgia CHANTZI, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

– **Overview of Regional Frameworks for Blue Economy and BRIDGE –BS project**

Dr. Mustafa YÜCEL, BRIDGE-BS Project Co-Coordinator, Institute of Marine Sciences Middle East Technical University (METU-IMS)

– **Introduction to the Working Groups***

Ms. Georgia CHANTZI, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

Ms. Rosa FERNÁNDEZ OTERO, Centro Tecnológico del Mar - Fundación CETMAR

10.45 – 11.45 **First round of Working Groups**

11.45 – 12.15 **COFFEE BREAK**

12.15 – 13.15 **Second round of Working Groups**

13.15 – 14.30 **NETWORKING LUNCH**
Venue: 'Alexandros I' Hall (Ground floor)

14.30 – 15.30 **Third round of Working Groups**

15.30 – 16.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

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



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***About the Working Groups**

Format: Participants will be divided into **three working groups** of moderated discussions focusing on the three cross-cutting priorities:

- i) multistressors on the Black Sea ecosystem;**
- ii) innovation & entrepreneurship;**
- iii) ocean literacy, capacity building & skills**

At the end of each round, moderators will rotate to a different group for a new discussion. Each round of discussions will last one hour.

Online Tool: Participants will be asked to engage in the discussions, via surveys, polls and other online features, using the **digital tool [slido](#)**.

*Please note that you are not required to download the *slido* app, you can access it via a browser!*

Simply remember to have your mobile phone at hand and charged to enjoy the interactive discussions!

Venues:

- Meeting Room 1: **Alexandros II** (Ground floor)
- Meeting Room 2: **Melpomeni** (Ground floor)
- Meeting Room 3: **Erato** (Ground floor)



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