

SCIENCE-POLICY DIALOGUE FORUM

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Advance marine research and innovation in the Black Sea to identify the operating space for the safe development of human activities under multistressors conditions and to support the development a fully sustainable Blue Economy in the sea basin.

Develop a cohesive, knowledgeable and literate Black Sea international community, able to address current and emerging challenges facing marine ecosystems and their services.



Innovation and Blue Growth

Supporting the development of advanced and innovative business models to favour the generation of sustainability, economic value and jobs for local communities in full respect of local ecosystems across the Black Sea.

Knowledge **Innovative Solutions Economic Growth** Governance **Education and Capacity Building**



ECOSYSTEM SERVICE DYNAMICS Maintaining a Safe Operating Space

Understanding the effect of multistressors on the distribution and sustainability of ecosystem services provided to society.

Blue Economy Sectors





EMPOWERED

CITIZENS

Engaging Policy

and Society









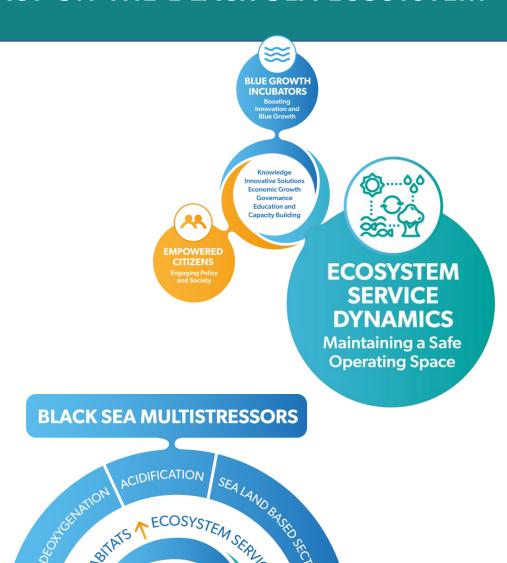


MULTISTRESSORS IMPACT ON THE BLACK SEA ECOSYSTEM

by natural processes or by direct influence of human activities, can damage ecosystem health, harm organisms and hurt the well-being of coastal populations.

Their effect combines to impact the Black Sea forming **MULTISTRESSORS** that cause degradation of its marine ecosystem.

BRIDGE-BS is creating new, integrated, adaptive, comprehensive models and data analyses to assess the risks posed by these multistressors and find out how they affect the functioning and resilience of marine ecosystems.



GROWTH

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DISCUSSION POINTS

- Existing national policies, programmes or tools that address multistressors' impact.
- Identification of other multistressors taken into account by national policies.
- Gaps in existing policies and priorities in the policy agenda related to multistressors impact and mitigation.
- Research and innovation community to support policy-making.
- Expected role of BRIDGE-BS in supporting the development of new, or the adaptation of existing policies, in addressing multistressors.



INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

BRIDGE-BS ACCELERATION PROGRAMME

WHAT – support services to speed up the market uptake of innovative solutions, including through the generation of new waves of dedicated start-ups and SMEs;

WHOM – targeted to Black Sea-based applicants | also open to non-regional applicants interested in expanding their solutions;

WHY – to translate science into business opportunities.

TARGET SECTORS & SUPPORT SERVICES

- ✓ Observation and monitoring
- ✓ Ports, Transport & Logistics
- ✓ Fisheries & Aquaculture
- ✓ Tourism & recreational activities
- ✓ Blue-biotechs and related products
- ✓ Sustainable and renewable energy
- ✓ Nature-based services/solutions (coastal/marine)



DISCUSSION POINTS

- Existing national policies, services and tools supporting start-ups, Public-Private Partnerships, networking and clusters in the target sectors.
- Gaps in existing policies and priorities in the policy agenda for the support of innovation and business development.
- Identification of innovative and science-based business models to be promoted through the BRIDGE-BS accelerator.
- Criteria to prioritise specific sectors and support services, according to national/local needs and priorities.



OCEAN LITERACY, CAPACITY BUILDING & SKILLS

OCEAN LITERACY

- An understanding of our individual and collective impact on the Ocean and its impact on our lives and wellbeing
- Hands on Marine Sciences activities for school children and university students
- Awareness-raising campaigns for citizens
- Build a network to support the ocean literacy community of the Black Sea

INVESTING IN TRAINING & EDUCATION

- PhD Programme on Blue Economy
- Science-Technology-Policy MSc on Blue Economy (in English)
- 2 Summer Schools on Blue Economy sectors

MOBILITY AND EMPLOYMENT

- Virtual Blue Career Centre
- Blue Move activity



DISCUSSION POINTS

- Existing national policies, programmes or tools that address ocean literacy and skills development.
- Gaps in existing policies and priorities in the policy agenda related to skills development and ocean literacy.
- Identification of suitable interlocutors for "injecting" the concept of ocean literacy to schools and society.
- Development of training programmes for policy stakeholders.