



14TH INTERNATIONAL BLACK SEA SYMPOSIUM

"BLACK SEA: APPROACHING A TIPPING POINT?"

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2025
ONLINE EVENT

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9.30 – 13.00 EET | Online only | [Registration](#)

DRAFT AGENDA	
09.30 – 10.00	Opening
10.00 – 10.50	Panel 1. Regional actors in the Black Sea.
Moderator: Mr. Georgios MITRAKOS, Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) - Amb. Lazăr COMĂNESCU, Secretary General, BSEC PERMIS - Mr. Serhat KÖKSAL, President, Black Sea Trade & Development Bank (BSTDB) - Mr. Borys KOLISNYCHENKO, Deputy Secretary General of the PABSEC International Secretariat - Mr. Glenn PEARCE-OROZ, Senior Programme Manager, United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) Q&A	
10.50 – 11.00	Comfort break
11.00 – 11.50	Panel 2. Perspectives from the BSEC countries.

Moderator: Dr. Mihai SEBE, Lecturer, University of Bucharest, Head of the European Affairs Department, European Institute of Romania - Dr. Lesia A. VAOLEVSKA, Head of the Research Service of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - Mr. Nairi PETROSSIAN, Permanent Representative of Armenia to BSEC Organization, Acting Chair of the ICBSS Board of Directors - Amb. Spyridon XANTHOPOULOS, Minister Plenipotentiary, B4 Directorate for Bilateral Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic - Ms. Tanya MIHAYLOVA, Director, Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute - Mr. Irakli SIRBILADZE, Foreign Policy Analyst, Visiting Lecturer at Tbilisi State University Q&A	
11.50 – 12.00	Comfort break
12.00 – 12.50	Panel 3. Views from beyond the Black Sea.
Moderator: Mr. Stavros KALOGNOMOS, Executive Secretary, CPMR Balkan & Black Sea Commission - Mr. Marco RICCERI, Secretary General, EURISPES Institute, Italy, Member of the ICBSS Board of Directors - Mr. Roger ALBINYANA, Managing Director of the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), Spain - Mr. Abdelrahman SULTAN, Jordanian Deputy Director, Regional Program Director, EcoPeace Middle East - Prof. Ms. Agnieszka ORZELSKA-STĄCZEK, Ph. D, Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences Q&A	
12.50 – 13.15	Conclusions