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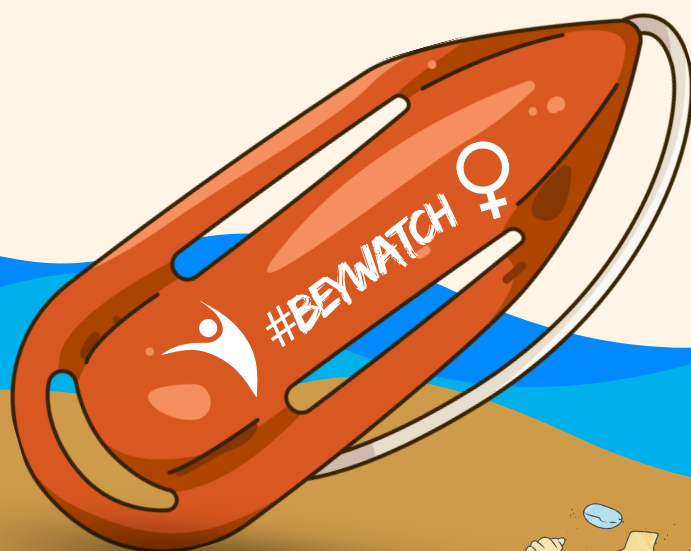
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BLACK SEA BEYWATCH

Black Sea Blue Economy Youth and Women Watch

Tuesday, 20 October 2026 | 10:00 - 16:30 EEST



ABOUT THE WEBINAR

In the framework of the **European Maritime Day (EMD) in My Country**, the Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport of the University of the Aegean under the coordination of Dr Maria B. LEKAKOU, and in cooperation with the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), is organising the **BLACK SEA BEYWATCH “Black Sea Blue Economy - Youth and Women Watch”** event, to be held online, on Tuesday 20 October 2026, at 10:00 - 16:30 EEST.

This one-day online conference will build on the results of the SEA (CI)-TIES (Strengthening Economic Alliances in the wider Black Sea region Through International Engagement & Shipping) EMD IN MY COUNTRY 2025 event, focusing on women, youth, city diplomacy, skills, and new technologies in the framework of the port cities ecosystems.

EMD in My Country events are grassroots initiatives, organised by local actors all around the EU and its neighbourhood countries promoting ocean literacy, ocean activism and awareness about sustainable blue economy, with a focus on engaging with the public, including younger audiences, through interactive projects, demonstrating the significance of the ocean and of the economic activities around it in the lives of citizens and coastal communities. These initiatives aim to raise awareness on the importance of the ocean and its impact on our lives and well-being, promote a deeper understanding of the Blue Economy and all the social and economic aspects related to it, and highlight the central role of seas and ocean for the EU's coastal communities and economies.

The BLACK SEA BEYWATCH “Black Sea Blue Economy - Youth and Women Watch” virtual event is organised within the framework of the Hellenic BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office (1.7 - 31.12.2026).

SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

The online conference will open with an introduction of the latest developments in the blue economy at EU and wider Black Sea regional levels, and will comprise **three sessions**:

- The first session will focus on the importance of city diplomacy in blue economy and the added value of women in different levels of diplomacy, while highlighting the priorities of the new EU Gender Equality Strategy 2026-2030, in particular Roadmap Principle 7.
- The second session will analyse emerging skills and new trends that will enable students and young professionals to understand the impact of Blue Economy so as to become more competitive in the job market.
- The third session will explore how to embrace technological advancement in energy transition while connecting new technologies to the service of the port cities' ecosystems.

Throughout the event, the organisers will acknowledge relevant EU-funded projects, as well as the research and policy work of the attending organisations, and the outcomes of the workshops organised by the University of the Aegean in the framework of the EMD 2026, in Limassol.

Finally, the organisers along with representatives from the Blue Commission, and a student-led collaborative group within the European Reform University Alliance (ERUA), will elaborate a document of recommendations, based on the outcomes of the conference, that will be used by ERUA for its research activities and to encourage partnerships for different EU calls for proposals.

The webinar will take place on **Tuesday 20 October 2026, from 10:00 to 16:30 EEST (09:00 AM CEST), online only**. The event's working language will be English. The event will be held online only, via Zoom.

OPENING SESSION

10:00 - 10:20

Welcome address by **Dr Maria B. LEKAKOU**, Professor in Maritime Economics
Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, School of Business, University of the Aegean (Greece)

Welcome address by **Mr Georgios MITRAKOS**, Director General
International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

THE IMPORTANCE OF CITY DIPLOMACY IN BLUE ECONOMY AND THE ADDED VALUE OF WOMEN IN MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE

Moderated by:

Ms Elpida Besi, Junior Project Manager, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

Keynote Speaker:

Ms Teona DZNELADZE, Head of International Relations and Students Services Center
Batumi State Maritime Academy (Georgia)

10:20 - 11:30

Representing Women in Maritime Association (WIMA) Europe

Women on Board Project, under the Interreg Europe Programme, by **Dr Eudokia BALAMOU**,
Lead Partner, Larnaca and Famagusta Districts Development Agency (Cyprus),
and **Dr Madalina DAVIDESCU**, Professor at the “Ion Ionescu de la Brad” University of Life Sciences
(IULS), Iasi (Romania)

Ms Io CHATZIVARYTI, Senior EU Project Expert for the Mayor of Kavala (Greece)
URBACT Lead Expert | Urban Development & Territorial Cooperation Specialist
Founder of URBAN SPARK Consulting Firm

Ms Laurence MARTIN, Secretary General, Federazione del Mare, Lead Partner of
the WINBLUE Project

Open discussion with participants

11:30-12:00 EEST Comfort break



EMERGING SKILLS FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS INTERESTED IN BLUE ECONOMY SECTORS IN THE PORT CITIES OF THE WIDER BLACK SEA REGION

Moderated by:

Mr Stavros KALOGNOMOS, PhD Candidate, Researcher, Research in Shipping and Ports Laboratory (RE.SHI.P.), Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, School of Business, University of the Aegean (Greece)

Keynote Speaker:

Ms Andreea STRACHINESCU-OLTEANU, Head of Unit, Maritime innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment (MARE.A1), Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE), European Commission

12:00 - 13:00

BLUE PORTS Project, under the EMFAF Programme 2021–2027, by Prof. Dr Theocharis TSOUTSOS Project Coordinator, Renewable and Sustainable Energy Systems Lab Technical University of Crete (Greece)

Dr Natasa VAIDIANU, Associate Professor, Ovidius University of Constanta/University of Bucharest (Romania), Co-leader of WG3 (Port cities and coastal communities), RethinkBlue COST Action

Ms Alexandra PETROVA, PhD Student, New Bulgarian University, Department of Administration and management, Tourism section, Student Board member, European Reform University Alliance (ERUA)

Ms Eirini APAZOGLOU, Executive Officer at European Marine Research Network (EuroMarine)

Open discussion with participants

Break until 15:00

NEW TECHNOLOGIES AT THE SERVICE OF THE PORT CITIES ECOSYSTEMS: HOW TO EMBRACE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT?

Moderated by:

Mr Stavros KALOGNOMOS, PhD Candidate, Researcher, Research in Shipping and Ports Laboratory (RE.SHI.P.), Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, School of Business, University of the Aegean (Greece)

Keynote Speaker:

Prof. Carola HEIN, PACT COST Action Chair, Delft University of Technology (The Netherlands)

15:00 - 16:30

Ms Irina KIRCHEVA, Project Expert at Marine Cluster Bulgaria

“Blue Port Index for BSEC Countries” (BLUE FOR BLACK Project), by Prof. Dr. Gökçe Çiçek CEYHUN, Project Lead Partner, Bursa Technical University (Türkiye)

Dr Delia DIMITRIU, Smarter Mobility Solutions Ltd. (United Kingdom)

Open discussion with participants

Conclusions of the EMD event by Mr Stavros KALOGNOMOS, PhD Candidate, Researcher Research in Shipping and Ports Laboratory (RE.SHI.P.), Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport School of Business, University of the Aegean (Greece)

End of the EMD virtual event

SPEAKERS / MODERATORS

(in alphabetical order)

Irini APAZOGLOU

Executive Officer

European Marine Research Network (EuroMarine)

Speaker at Session III

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Ms Eirini Apazoglou leads the Secretariat of EuroMarine, a major European network connecting more than 50 marine research organisations. She has a multidisciplinary background in ecotoxicology and the management of socio-ecological systems, alongside experience in EU-funded marine and environmental projects. Her expertise lies particularly in stakeholder engagement, science-policy interfaces and sustainable ocean governance. Eirini has led cross-disciplinary projects and contributed to major European initiatives, including the EU Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters” through her role as Project Manager of PREP4BLUE. She is also actively involved in DG MARE’s EU4Ocean Coalition, where she currently leads the Youth4Ocean Forum, advancing ocean literacy, youth engagement, innovation, and the sustainable blue economy.

Eudokia BALAMOU

Lead Partner

Larnaca and Famagusta Districts Development Agency (Cyprus)

Speaker at Session II

THE IMPORTANCE OF CITY DIPLOMACY IN BLUE ECONOMY
AND THE ADDED VALUE OF WOMEN IN MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE



Dr Eudokia Balamou represents the Larnaca and Famagusta Districts Development Agency (ANETEL), Lead Partner of Women on Board, an Interreg Europe project dedicated to advancing inclusion and gender equality in the blue economy labour market. Bringing together partners from eight European countries, the project addresses persistent barriers affecting women’s entry, career progression, leadership opportunities and long-term retention across maritime and blue economy sectors. Drawing on evidence from its Gender Parity Synthesis Report, Women on Board highlights that women already make significant contributions across the blue economy, while their participation remains uneven, particularly in technical, operational and decision-making roles. The project therefore focuses not only on representation, but also on creating the conditions that enable women to enter, belong, develop, lead and thrive in the sector. Through interregional cooperation, policy learning, stakeholder engagement and the exchange of good practices, Women on Board supports a more inclusive, innovative and sustainable blue economy across Europe.

Elpida BESI

Junior Project Manager

International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

Moderator at Session II

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Ms Elpida Besi serves as Junior Project Manager at the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS). She is responsible for supporting the implementation of the Centre’s diverse portfolio of research projects and international events related to regional cooperation and policy-oriented knowledge in the Black Sea area. Elpida also supports the Centre’s scientific activities, including research, data management, and events’ organization.

Since 2021, Elpida has served as the official ICBSS focal point for the Anna Lindh Foundation Greek Network, where she facilitates civil society cooperation and intercultural exchange across the Euro-Mediterranean region. She also frequently represents the Centre at regional workshops and meetings. Prior to ICBSS, she completed an internship at the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and was a finalist in the 10th cycle of the ReGeneration trainee programme, Greece’s largest employment and training initiative for high-potential graduates.

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Io CHATZIVARYTI

Senior EU Project Expert for the Mayor of Kavala (Greece)
URBACT Lead Expert | Urban Development & Territorial Cooperation Specialist
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Speaker at Session II

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Ms Io Chatzivaryti is an urban development specialist and EU project manager with over 20 years of experience in European territorial cooperation, strategic planning, and sustainable urban development. She holds an MSc in Cities, Space and Society from the London School of Economics and serves as Senior Advisor to the Mayor of Kavala, Greece. As a validated URBACT Lead Expert and experienced international project coordinator, she specialises in participatory governance, climate resilience, sustainable mobility, and inclusive urban transformation. Her extensive involvement in Black Sea Basin, Interreg, Horizon Europe, and URBACT projects has focused on strengthening cross-border cooperation, advancing climate adaptation, and promoting sustainable blue and green economies. A strong advocate for gender equality and community-led development, she works to translate European policies into practical local solutions, empowering cities, communities, and women to become active drivers of a more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable future.

Gökçe Çiçek CEYHUN

Project Lead Partner
Bursa Technical University (Türkiye)

Speaker at Session IV

NEW TECHNOLOGIES AT THE SERVICE OF THE PORT CITIES ECOSYSTEMS:
HOW TO EMBRACE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT?



Prof Dr Gökçe Çiçek Ceyhun is Head of the Department of Maritime Business Administration at Bursa Technical University, specializing in maritime economics, blue economy, maritime logistics, marine pollution, and maritime policy. She holds a PhD in Maritime Business Administration and Management and has extensive academic and industry experience in the maritime sector.

She currently coordinates several international projects, including the Horizon Europe project MEDSEAPLAN, focused on data-driven scenarios for a sustainable Mediterranean blue economy, and the Blue Port Index for BSEC Countries initiative funded by the Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation. She has also contributed to Erasmus+ and TÜBİTAK-funded projects addressing marine pollution, entrepreneurship, and international trade. Prof. Dr. Ceyhun is the editor of the internationally recognized book 'Handbook of Research on the Applications of International Transportation and Logistics for World Trade' (IGI Global, 2019), a comprehensive reference work on global transportation and logistics. Her research and publications contribute to sustainable maritime development, blue economy governance, and maritime environmental management.

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Madalina DAVIDESCU

Professor

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Speaker at Session II

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Dr Madalina Davidescu began her professional career in research at the Dancu-Iași Research and Development Station for Cattle Breeding. Since 2021, she has been pursuing her teaching and scientific activities at the Ion Ionescu de la Brad University of Life Sciences of Iași, where she has held the position of Lecturer since February 2025. Her teaching and research experience are complemented by expertise in molecular genetics, genetic diversity and phylogeny, specialized biotechnologies, and food quality analysis and control. Her particular interests include the genetic characterization of animal populations, the conservation of genetic resources and endangered native breeds, and the application of biotechnologies in the food industry. She is the author and co-author of over 150 scientific publications and the author of the book “Specialized Biotechnologies – Practical Laboratory Guide,” published in 2024. Her research activities include participation in five research grants and contracts, as well as collaboration with scientific and professional organizations in Romania and abroad.

Delia DIMITRIU

Founder

Smarter Mobility Solutions Ltd. (United Kingdom)

Speaker at Session IV

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Dr Delia Dimitriu is a Romanian and British citizen with more than 30 years' experience in decarbonising the maritime and aviation sectors, encompassing both climate change mitigation and adaptation. A former academic, she connects research with practical applications, helping to scale innovations for market adoption and job creation. Her current focus is on technology transfer and industrialisation, with an emphasis on developing sustainable, resilient infrastructure for smart cities and addressing the challenges they face.

Teona DZNELADZE

Head of International Relations and Students Services Center
Batumi State Maritime Academy (Georgia)

Keynote Speaker at Session II

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Ms Teona Dzeladze is Head of the International Relations and Career Development Centre at Batumi State Maritime Academy, Georgia, and co-founder of the Women in Maritime Association Europe (WIMA Europe). Her work focuses on international cooperation, academic mobility, career development, and partnerships that strengthen maritime education. She coordinates international projects and initiatives connecting higher education with the evolving needs of the maritime sector. As Head of the IAMU-SAIMI Working Group, she also supports cooperation and knowledge exchange between maritime institutions. Through WIMA Europe, she promotes women's professional networks, leadership and meaningful participation in maritime governance and the sustainable blue economy.

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Carola HEIN

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Prof Carola Hein is Professor History of Architecture and Urban Planning at Delft University of Technology, Professor Water, Ports and Historic Cities at Leiden and Erasmus University. She holds the UNESCO Chair of Water, Ports and Historic Cities and leads the LDE PortCityFutures Center. Among other major grants, she received a Guggenheim fellowship, an Alexander von Humboldt fellowship and several Volkswagen Foundation grants. She serves as editor for peer-reviewed open access journals including Blue Papers, CPCL, and Planning Perspectives. She has led research on planning history including as President of the International Planning History Society (IPHS) (2022-2026). She has published widely in the field of architectural, urban and planning history and has tied historical analysis to contemporary development. Her recent (co-)edited books include: *Hustle and Bustle of Port Cities* (2025), *Port City Atlas* (2023), *Oil Spaces* (2021), *Urbanisation of the Sea* (2020), *Adaptive Strategies for Water Heritage* (2020), *The Routledge Planning History Handbook* (2018).

Stavros KALOGNOMOS

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Mr Stavros Kalognomos holds a Bachelor's degree in International and European Studies (Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens, Greece), a Master 2 in European Policies (University of Rennes 1, France), a Master's degree in Cultural Organisations Management (Hellenic Open University, Greece), and is a PhD Student and Researcher at the Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport (University of the Aegean, Greece), focusing on port cities in the Black Sea region. He is a member of the COST Action "Rethinking the Blue Economy: Socio-ecological impacts and opportunities" (RethinkBlue) and its "Port cities and coastal communities" Working Group, and the Port City Territories in Action (PACT) COST Action.

Irina KIRCHEVA

Project Expert
Marine Cluster Bulgaria

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Ms Irina Kircheva is an Expert in Programmes and Projects at Marine Cluster Bulgaria (MCB), with experience in the development and implementation of EU-funded projects and initiatives in the field of the Blue Economy. Her expertise covers regional development, entrepreneurship, business development and SME support. She is a Business Advisor within the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN), supporting the internationalisation of Bulgarian SMEs. She is actively involved in MCB activities for fostering stakeholder dialogue and cooperation across the Blue Economy ecosystem. Ms. Kircheva holds a BSc in Management.

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Maria B. LEKAKOU

Professor in Maritime Economics

**Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, School of Business
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Speaker at Opening Session

Dr Maria B. Lekakou is Professor in Maritime Economics in Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, at the University of the Aegean (Greece); she is coordinator of the University's Committee for Blue Economy named "Aegean Archipelago". She has longstanding experience in shipping and maritime policy, as Advisor to the Minister of Mercantile Marine, member of the National Regulatory Authority for Maritime Transportation and now she is member of the National Steering Committee for Cruise and in acting as a maritime expert in many national or European bodies and fora.



Georgios MITRAKOS

Director General

International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

Speaker at Opening Session

Mr Georgios Mitrakos is the Director General of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS). He has more than fifteen years of experience in foreign policy advisory and public relations. His expertise includes politics, international relations, confidence building measures with emphasis on the Black Sea region and Southeast Europe. Prior to assuming his post at ICBSS, Mr. Mitrakos has worked as chief advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic and special advisor at the Ministry of Regional Development, Competitiveness and Shipping and the Ministry of State and Strategic Investments. Mr. Mitrakos holds an MSc in Politics and Communication from the London School of Economics and a BSc in Political Science and Public Administration from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.



Alexandra PETROVA

PhD Student, New Bulgarian University

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European Reform University Alliance (ERUA)**

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Ms Alexandra Petrova is a PhD student in the Tourism section of the Department of Administration and Management at New Bulgarian University (NBU). As a researcher, she specialises in alternative forms of tourism, particularly film and cultural tourism. She is also a member of the Student Board and a co-founder of NBU Board Games. She participates a variety international initiatives and events. Her current research focuses on the influence of cinematic representations on travel behaviour and destination branding.

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Andreea STRACHINESCU

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European Commission



Keynote Speaker at Session III

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Ms Andreea Strachinescu is Head of Unit Maritime Innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment in the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries. She is responsible for developing and promoting strategic innovation of emerging marine and maritime technologies and solutions and ensuring broad dissemination of marine knowledge and research. Prior to this position, Ms. Strachinescu was Head of Unit responsible for New Energy Technologies and Innovation in the Directorate General for Energy, European Commission, in charge with the development of policy and actions on non-nuclear energy research and innovation.

Theocharis TSOUTSOS

Project Coordinator
Renewable and Sustainable Energy Systems Lab
Technical University of Crete (Greece)



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Prof Dr Theocharis Tsoutsos is Professor at the School of Chemical & Environmental Engineering, TUC, and founder of the Laboratory of Renewable and Sustainable Energy Systems (ReSEL), which he still directs. From 1992 to 2005, he was Head of the Development Department at the Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving (CRES). His research interests are renewable and sustainable energy systems; energy efficiency in buildings, industry and transport; green ports and the blue economy; sustainable urban mobility; techno-economic and policy analysis; circular economy and climate-neutral communities. Dr. Tsoutsos has worked on 100+ national and international R&D projects, coordinating 60+ of them, such as HI-EURECA-PRO, BLUE PORTS, STEP AP, GREEN PORT, CO2 PACMAN and SUMP-PLUS. He also is the principal supervisor of 12 PhD dissertations and has supervised 50+ postgraduate and 90+ undergraduate theses. He also is Vice-Chair of the TUC Scientific Committee (2023–present) and serves as an academic editor for scientific peer review journals, and as an evaluator for the European Commission and several national research agencies. His awards include the Solar Globe Award 2008 and the UN Mondialogo Award 2007.

Natasa VAIDIANU

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Dr Natasa Vaidianu is an Associate Professor, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Agricultural Sciences, Ovidius University of Constanta, Romania. Natasa is also a senior researcher at University of Bucharest. Her research interests: Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP), marine governance, coastal management, science-policy interface, stakeholder involvement, participatory approaches; member in several international networks engaged with social science perspectives to research contemporary coastal and marine issues and to inform governance and policy. EU and national projects implemented on blue economy, MSP, citizen science, just transition and blue justice. She is a regional expert in different EU BE policy projects (e.g. EU MSP Platform).

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The Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport (STT) of the University of the Aegean was founded in 1998 in the island of Chios, in line with character of the Aegean region and the nautical tradition of Chios. Its core mission is to deliver high quality academic education services based on undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs, the dissemination of innovative theoretical and applied research of international standards and its interrelation with the economy and the society, paying attention to the sectors Shipping, Transportation, International Trade, and Entrepreneurship.



ICBSS

The International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) was founded in 1998 as a non-profit organisation. It has since fulfilled a dual function. On the one hand, it is an independent research and training institution focusing on the wider Black Sea region. On the other hand, it is a related body of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and serves as its think-tank. Thus, the ICBSS pursues applied, policy-oriented research, promotes knowledge on the Black Sea region both within and outside its boundaries, and offers policy advice with the aim to foster multilateral cooperation among the BSEC member states as well as with their international partners.



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