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**Black Sea CONNECT**  
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*Black Sea Universities Network*

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## *Black Sea CONNECT Art Fair*

### *“Healing the Black Sea by Art”*

**Event dedicated to the International Black Sea Action Day  
October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**



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## Concept

The Black Sea Universities Network is organizing the first edition of the Black Sea CONNECT Art Fair “*Healing the Black Sea by Art*”, which is going to be organized as a virtual exhibition hosted on the <https://bsun.org/> platform.

The event has been initiated as an activity under the frame of Black Sea CONNECT Project, Task 4.2 - Black Sea Awareness & Outreach, aiming to create an exhibition dedicated to the problems of the Black Sea.

Black Sea CONNECT is a coordination and support action which scientifically, technically, and logistically supports the Black Sea Blue Growth Initiative towards the implementation of the Burgas Vision Paper, with a view on boosting the blue economy in the region. The overall objective is to coordinate the development of the Black Sea SRIA and its implementation plan both at the national and regional levels. The Black Sea SRIA and its implementation plan will guide stakeholders to address together with the fundamental Black Sea challenges, to promote blue growth and economic prosperity of the Black Sea region, to build critical support systems and innovative research infrastructure, and improve education and capacity building. The current version of Black Sea SRIA is available [here](#).

The virtual exhibition will offer the opportunity to join a virtual showroom of creations (painting/ photo/ construction with materials consisted from marine litter) with recorded presentations or text description, where the language of visual arts can generate synergies for promoting the protection of the Black Sea.

The emphasis is to promote the “Blue Growth” strategy among the young generation from the riparian countries of the Black Sea. For this purpose, this event is dedicated to the students.

The event shall use the artworks and the educational context as a source of empowering awareness to guide us towards taking action for protecting the Black Sea. It features collaboratively speaking stories that will reiterate among the public for the embracement and the engagement of the reality through art, in order to witness the messages sent from the sea.

## Objectives

- ✓ Supporting the development of the future artist`s career
- ✓ Creating synergic art activities



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- ✓ Promoting the young generation of artists from the countries of the Black Sea region
- ✓ Developing intercultural connections

### *How to apply*

The event is open to all interested students that are willing to express through art the need for “healing the Black Sea”.

For registration it is necessary to fill the registration form [here](#) .

The artworks and their description are sent directly to the organizers to the following e-mail address: [office@bsun.org](mailto:office@bsun.org), specifying the Name, Surname and the represented Institution.

### *Deadline for submission*

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### *Who to contact*

Send your questions to the organizers at [office@bsun.org](mailto:office@bsun.org) .

### *Partner Organizations*

Odessa State Ecological University, Ukraine

“Ovidius” University of Constanta, Romania

Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Turkey

The Romanian Union of Plastic Artists

PTC Inc., Europe



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