



# BLUE GROWTH IN THE BLACK SEA

# Blue Growth Hackathon

HÂRȘOVA, Romania  
June 29-30, 2021  
Black Sea Universities Network



POLLUTION



FISHERIES



BIOTECH



CLIMATE  
CHANGE



COASTAL  
TOURISM



SHIPBUILDING



AQUACULTURE



MARINE  
SPATIAL PLANNING



OCEAN DATA



OFFSHORE  
WIND PLATFORMS



OBSERVATION  
SYSTEMS



ECOSYSTEM  
DYNAMICS



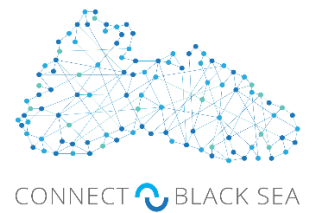
CULTURAL  
HERITAGE



MARINE  
TRANSPORTATION



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## Details about the event

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**The Blue Growth Hackathon** is a 24-hour hackathon organized by the Black Sea Universities Network, in collaboration with Hârşova City Hall, in an online format within the scope of Horizon 2020 funded Black Sea CONNECT CSA.

[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.

### Description

The event is divided in 2 sections:

1. Opening and keynote speeches (Presenting challenges and hackathon theme)
2. Teams forming and working (data exploration, idea generation and problem refinement, hacking and building)

The competition focuses on the establishment of a process of creative ideation for solving a particular problem related to the „Blue Growth” concept and challenges addressed by the Black Sea Blue Growth Initiative’s Strategic Research and Innovation



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Agenda, as an instrument in focusing international attention on achieving sustainable development, with an emphasis in safeguarding our natural resources for future generations.

The participants will benefit of mentoring from experts with extensive experience, in order to find concrete solutions to a series of real needs on the daily basis in the marine and maritime sector, in a multidisciplinary manner.

The event will take place in English.

**When?** 29-30 June, 2021

**Where?** Via ZOOM Platform

**Who can participate?** The hackathon is open to all students interested in the „Blue Growth” topics and eager to get involved in the future of the Black Sea Region. Please read more for the Hackathon rules.

**Deadline for registration?** 21 June 2021



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**Evaluation process?** Teams will be evaluated based on a variety of criteria including best presentation, most interesting finding and best problem-solving solution, with prizes for top teams.

**Benefits?** Collaborative learning into four dimensions: social, psychological, academic and assessment-based. Networking with the experts in the field.

**Who to contact?** Send your questions to the hackathon team at [office@bsun.org](mailto:office@bsun.org).

## Coordination Team

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