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**BLACK SEA CRUISE**

SUSTAINABLE SMALL-SCALE  
CRUISING/YACHTING



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***EMD In My Country 2022***

# ***Science Fair on Blue Economy in the Black Sea Region***



***Date: 9 May 2022***

***Location: Passenger Terminal Hall, Constanta Port***

***Hybrid event***



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## **Background**

**EMD In My Country** is a key part of the wave of ocean awareness and activism that has been rising steadily in recent years: the events under its brand have become more and more popular, attracting more than 25,000 participants every year. Local activities such as beach clean ups, guided tours of ports, art exhibitions, workshops, conferences, seminars, exhibitions on maritime themes, ocean literacy actions, eco-tours and walks in areas with significant maritime heritage, boat excursions, visits to maritime museums, ships, aquaria, shipyards etc. aim to a wide audience across Europe, with a "fun and game" component directly appealing to a younger public.

The **Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda (SRIA) on Blue Growth in the Black Sea region** was launched on 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2019, in Bucharest, Romania, during the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. 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 **Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea** is set as a follow-up to the commitment of the 2018 Burgas Ministerial Declaration “Towards a Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea”. The agenda focuses on activities related to “blue economy”, targeting a sustainable economic development of the region.

**BLACK SEA CRUISE** - Sustainable Small-Scale cruising/yachting is an international project supported by the European Commission as part of the Action “Support to the Implementation of the Eastern Partnership Multilateral Dimension and the Implementation of the Northern Dimension and the Black Sea Synergy - BSEC PERMIS (ENI/2020/421-957)” and coordinated by the International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS). The main objectives of the project are to analyze the current state of the situation, as well as the environmental and social & economic potential for new development of innovative/original models of small cruises/yachting and identify potential problems.

**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.

**ARSINOE** - Climate Resilient Regions Through Systemic Solutions and Innovations is a project aiming to shape the pathways to resilience by bringing together SIA (Systems Innovation Approach) and CIW (Climate Innovation Window) with the purpose to build an ecosystem for climate change adaptation solutions. Within the ARSINOE ecosystem, pathways to solutions are co-created and co-designed by stakeholders, who can then

select either existing CIW technologies, or technologies by new providers (or a combination) to form an innovation package.

**The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Programme** was launched in 1987 as an initiative to promote a better knowledge and understanding of the common European heritage. There are currently more than 30 certified networks that provide a wide range of leisure and education activities for all citizens in Europe and beyond. These networks cover various topics, from architecture, cultural landscapes, gastronomy to prominent figures in European art, music or literature. The University Network for Cultural Routes Studies is a network of Universities interested in the study of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe. The Network aims to encourage the conduct of research on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe related issues, encourage students to undertake their academic research on Cultural Routes, jointly apply for European Grants with the EICR, participate in the annual programme of activities of the EICR and offer scientific advice where required.

**Black Sea Universities Network**, in collaboration with **University of Bucharest**, **Institute of Advanced Studies for Culture and Civilization of the Levant** and **National Company Administration of Maritime Ports Constanta** are organizing an event dedicated to the European Maritime Day 2022.

## **Purpose**

The event shall be dedicated to the celebration of European Maritime Day, for promoting the Blue Economy in the Black Sea and Danube region. The event will include the following modules:

- International Conference on “History, Tradition and Culture in the Port-cities from the Istro-Pontic Space”, that shall be organized in a hybrid format;
- Exhibition of projects and activities developed by profile museums, universities, research institutes but also operators in the field of tourism and transport.

## **Participants**

At the event, there will be invited decision makers, government representatives, members of parliament, representatives of local authorities, academics, students, researchers, experts in the field, ambassadors and representatives of diplomatic missions of EU and neighboring countries and other international organizations, journalists.

## *Tentative Program*

**10.00** - Registration of participants

**10.30** - Plenary Session on: **“History, Tradition and Culture in the Port-cities from the Istro-Pontic Space”**

**Moderator:**

**Prof. dr. Eden MAMUT**, BSUN Secretary General

**Speakers:**

**Florin GOIDEA**, General Director, National Company of Administration of Maritime Ports, Constanța

**R. Adm. Vergil CHIȚAC**, Mayor, Municipality of Constanța

**Prof. dr. Violeta CIUCUR**, Rector, Maritime University of Constanța

**Dr. Luis Ovidiu POPA**, General Director, “Grigore Antipa” National Museum of Natural History

**Acad. Cornelia-Sabina ISPAS**, Director, "Constantin Brăiloiu" Institute of Ethnography and Folklore of the Romanian Academy  
(*online connection*)

**Prof. dr. Dan SELIȘTEANU**, Vice Rector, University of Craiova  
(*online connection*)

**Prof. dr. Mihai GÎRȚU**, Vice Rector, “Ovidius” University of Constanța

Keynote presentation - *“Museum of National History and Archaeology Constanta. Following in the footsteps of the Pontic civilizations.”* - **Dr. Gabriel Mircea TALMAȚCHI**, Museum of National History and Archeology from Constanța

**12.00** - Opening of the Exhibition **“Science Fair on Blue Economy in the Black Sea Region”**

**12.00** - Buffet lunch

**13.00** - Plenary Session on: **“The Tourism Potential in the Port-cities from the Istro-Pontic Space”**

**Moderator:**

**Cristian BĂRHĂLESCU**, Manager, Icar Tours Ltd

**Speakers:**

**Ciprian POPESCU**, Business Strategy Consultant, Imob Rent Ltd

**Cristian PANDEL**, Manager, Christian Tour Ltd (*online connection*)

**Cristian CEALERA**, Writer and Publicist specialized in promoting tourism and cultural-historical heritage of Dobrogea region

**Ionuț NEDEA**, General Director, Litoralul Romanesc.ro Travel Agency (*online connection*)

**Aurelian MARIN**, Manager, Paradis Tours Ltd (*online connection*)

**Assist. Prof. dr. Carmen-Cătălina RUSU**, Vice Dean, Faculty of Engineering, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați

**Ruxandra SERESCU**, General Director, Constanța Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Navigation and Agriculture

**Cătălin ȚIBULEAC**, President, Danube Delta Tourist Destination Management Association (*online connection*)

Keynote presentation - *Presentation of the European Cultural Route map* - **Dr. Daniel IOSIF**, Expert, Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization

**14.30** - Coffee Break

**15.00** - Plenary Session on: **“Cooperation between Public Authorities in the Promotion of Port-cities from the Istro-Pontic Space”**

**Speakers:**

**Dr. Petre ENCIU**, Vice President, Constanța County Council

**Gheorghe COJOCARU**, Mayor, Municipality of Murfatlar

**Horia TEODORESCU**, President, Tulcea County Council

**Marian PAIU**, Executive Director, Mare Nostrum NGO

**Marian DAMIAN**, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Giurgiu

**Viorel Marian DRAGOMIR**, Mayor, Municipality of Brăila (*online connection*)

**Cdr. Dr. Paul BURLACU**, Vice Rector, “Mircea cel Bătrân” Naval Academy

Keynote presentation - “*Romanian Contribution in the Black Sea Underwater Heritage Researches*” - **Dr. Jenica BUJINI**, GeoEcoMar, Constanța

**16.30** - Conclusions & Closure of the event

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