



DEPARTMENT OF  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



***International Conference on:  
“Science Evidence-Based Decision Making Approaches  
for the Implementation of SDGs in the Black Sea  
Region”***

**Program**

**Date: March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Time: 11.00 – 15.30 EET**

**11:00 Introductory Plenary Session**

Prof. dr. Pericles A. MITKAS, President, Black Sea Universities Network

Mr. László BORBÉLY, State Counsellor, National Coordinator for SDGs –  
Department of Sustainable Development, Romanian Government

Mr. Marian-Jean MARINESCU, Member of the European Parliament

Amb. Traian CHEBELEU, Deputy Secretary General, BSEC PERMIS

Mrs. Pavlina LOZANOVA, Secretary of the Legal and Political Affairs  
Committee, PABSEC International Secretariat

Mr. Sorin Ionuț BANCIU, State Secretary, Romanian Ministry of Environment,  
Waters and Forests

Prof. dr. İsmail KOYUNCU, Rector, Istanbul Technical University

Prof. dr. Chryssi VITSILAKI, Rector, University of the Aegean

Prof. dr. Vilayat VALIYEV, Rector, Azerbaijan Technical University

R. Adm. Prof. dr. Vergil CHIȚAC, Mayor, Municipality of Constanța, Romania

Prof. dr. Nicolaos THEODOSSIOU, Chair, SDSN Black Sea

H.E. Emil CONSTANTINESCU, President of Romania (1996 – 2000)

## **12:00 Plenary Session**

### **Moderator:**

Prof. dr. Eden MAMUT, Secretary General, Black Sea Universities Network

### **Keynote Speakers**

**12:00** Acad. Mykhailo ZGUROVSKY, Rector, National Technical University of Ukraine "Igor Sikorsky KPI"

**12:20** Prof. dr. Enrico SCIUBBA, Visiting Professor, "Ovidius" University of Constanta

**12:40** Prof. dr. Necdet BUDAK, Rector, Ege University

**13:00** Prof. dr. Baris SALIHOGLU, Middle East Technical University, Institute of Marine Sciences, Turkey

**13:20** Mr. Fokion ZAIMIS, Deputy Governor of Entrepreneurship, Research and Innovation, Region of Western Greece, CPMR Member

**13:40** Prof. dr. Maria LEKAKOU, Dean, University of the Aegean

**14:00 Thematic Session aimed at raising capacity on the UN's SDGs from the perspective of an EU H2020 project: BE-Rural - Bio-based strategies and roadmaps for enhanced rural and regional development in the EU**



### **Lecturers:**

Ec. Christina LEUCUTA, Institute for Economic Forecasting, Romanian Academy

Dr. Carmen PAUNA, Institute for Economic Forecasting, Romanian Academy

### **14:20 Session of Invited Case Studies**

**14:30** "*Citizen Science - Anemone Project Case Study*" - Mrs. Mihaela MIREA, Executive Director, Mare Nostrum NGO, Romania

**14:40** "*Post-Graduate Education and Research on Black Sea Cultural Heritage as Pillars of Sustainable Development in the Black Sea Region: The Case of the MA in Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Studies*" - Prof. dr. Athanassios KAISSIS, President & Prof. Manolis MANOLEDAKIS, Dean of the School of

Humanities, Social Sciences and Economics, International Hellenic University, Greece

**14:50** *"Cooperation in Transnational Programmes in Pandemic Condition for Improvement of Eco-friendly Technologies in Offshore Area Development in the Black Sea Region"* - Prof. habil. dr. eng. Florinel DINU, Rector & Assist. Prof. Casen PANAITESCU, Head of International Relations Office, Petroleum-Gas University of Ploiesti

**15:00** *"National Leader Heydar Aliyev and Western Caspian University"* - Prof. Tural VELIZADE, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Political Sciences, Western Caspian University

**15:10** *"Intermittent Flow Rivers and Ephemeral Streams (IRES) in Europe and Black Sea Drainage Basin - Results from SMIRES Cost Action Project"* - Prof. Rania TZORAKI, University of the Aegean, Greece

**15:20 Concluding discussion**