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in the Black Sea region

*Sustainability in the Black Sea regional cooperation:
Advancing the Black Sea Synergy and the European Green Deal*

Environmental Resilience

16 November 2020, 15:00-16:00

This thematic session will focus on 'Environmental Resilience' and is organised by DG NEAR in cooperation with DG ENV. Three EU-funded projects related to this theme in specific connection with the Green Deal will be presented. More specifically, the session will discuss issues related to environmental monitoring, the protection of the maritime environment, marine litter and the collection of baseline data in the Black Sea Region. Speakers and presenters will address various questions, such as: What is the project doing and where? How is the project doing it? How is it cooperating with similar complementary projects? Is the project seeking for synergies with the main regional actors/networks/institutions? What is the role of the EU? What are the outcomes? What is planned in the near future? Which are the options to ensure the continuation of the activities after the end of the project? Following these initial presentations, a debate will be opened with the wider audience, with a question/answer session and a forward-looking discussion.

The session will be moderated by Mr. Michael Rupp, Team Leader DGA1.C.2, DG NEAR, European Commission.

15:00-15:05: Introduction

- Moderator introduces technical aspects as well as topic 'Environmental Resilience'.

15:05-15:25: Presentation Projects

- ***Environmental Monitoring in the Black Sea (EMBLAS)***. Mr. Georg Hanke, Water and Marine Resources Unit, Joint Research Centre, European Commission;
- ***Black and Caspian Sea Project (BCSEA) - Regional technical assistance to enhance maritime safety, security and marine environmental protection in the Black Sea.*** Mr. Giuseppe Russo, Senior Project Officer, Capacity Building, Sustainability and Technical Assistance, European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA), and Ms. Tamara Ioseliani, Director LEPL Maritime Transport Agency, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia;
- ***CeNoBS***. Ms. Mihaela Mirea-Candea, Executive Director, Mare Nostrum.

15:25-15:50: Discussion

- Debate on gaps, opportunities, lessons learned and next steps.

15:50-15:55: Concluding Remarks

- Conclusion by moderator, including identification of main outcomes.