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

Cross-border Cooperation and Connecting with the Danube

16 November 2020, 15:00-16:00

This thematic session will focus on 'Cross-border Cooperation and Connecting with the Danube' and is organised by DG REGIO. Four EU-funded projects related to this theme in connection with the Green Deal will be presented. More specifically, the session will discuss issues related to the reduction of river and marine litter, monitoring data, interdisciplinary research, and natural habitat in the Black Sea and Danube region. Speakers and presenters will address various questions, such as: What are the project objectives and what are the results achieved? What is the added value of cooperation in the project? What are the synergies with the relevant regional cooperation frameworks and/or similar/complementary initiatives? Following these initial brief 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. Giacomo Luciani, Contact Person for Sustainable Growth in Unit D1, DG REGIO, European Commission.

15:00-15:05: Introduction

- Moderator introduces technical aspects as well as topic 'Cross-border Cooperation and Connecting with the Danube'.

15:05-15:25: Presentation Projects

- ***Waste Free Rivers for a Clean Black Sea (MWM-GMR)***, Ms. Tamar Moseshvili, Project Co-Coordinator, Chair of Board of Imereti Scientists' Union SPECTRI, Georgia;
- ***Improved online public access to environmental monitoring data and data tools for the Black Sea Basin supporting cooperation in the reduction of marine litter (MARLITER)***, Ms. Emma Gileva, Head of Regional Office, Black Sea NGO Network;
- ***The International Center for Advanced Studies on River-Delta-Sea Systems (DANUBIUS-RI)***, Mr. Adrian Stanica, Director General, Romanian National Institute of Marine Geology and Geo-ecology – GeoEcoMar;
- ***DANUBeparksCONNECTED***, Mr. Georg Frank, Secretary General, DANUBEPARKS.

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.