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***Sustainability in the Black Sea regional cooperation:***

***Advancing the Black Sea Synergy and the European Green Deal***

*16 November 2020, 14:00-16:30 CET, virtual event*

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| **14:00-14:05** | Welcoming remarks  ***Mr. Luc Devigne*** *Acting Managing Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, Regional cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service.* |
| **14:05-14:40** | Plenary Session  *General presentations focusing on the broader context and introducing the main thematic aspects - Black Sea regional cooperation; the EU Green Deal; impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.*   * **Ms. Luminiţa Teodora Odobescu**, Permanent Representative of Romania to the European Union, representing also the Chairmanship-in-office of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organisation; * **Mr. Thomas Ossowski**, Representative to the Political and Security Committee, Germany, Presidency of the Council of the European Union; * **Mr. Luc Devigne**, Acting Managing Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, Regional cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service; * **Mr. Vassilis Maragos,** Acting Director for Neighbourhood East and Institution Building, Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, DG NEAR, European Commission; * **Mr. Tonino Picula**, President of the European Parliament Intergroup Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas (Searica); * **Mr. Christos Economou**, Acting Director for Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, DG MARE, European Commission.   *Moderated by* ***Ms. Cristina Gherasimov****, Research Fellow, Robert Bosch Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia, German Council on Foreign Relations.* |
| **14:40-14:55** | Q&A Session |
| **14:55-15:00** | Coffee break |
| **15:00-15:55** | Breakaway Sessions  *Room 1: Sustainable Blue Economy,* jointly organised by the Directorate General of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) and the Directorate General of Research and Innovation (DG RTD).  *Moderated by Ms. Angela Grămadă, Project Manager, FOND, Romania.*  *Room 2: Environmental Resilience*, organised by the Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) in cooperation with the Directorate-General for Environment (DG ENV).  *Moderated by Mr. Michael Rupp, Team Leader, DG NEAR, European Commission.*  *Room 3: Cross-border Cooperation and Connecting with the Danube*, organised by the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO).  *Moderated by Mr. Giacomo Luciani, Contact Person for Sustainable Growth in Unit D1, DG REGIO, European Commission.* |
| **15:55-16:00** | Coffee break |
| **16:00-16:25**  *16:00-16:15*  *16:15-16:25* | Concluding Session  *Main takeaways from each breakaway session presented by respective moderators.*  *Concluding remarks and way ahead provided by:*   * **Ms. Petra Gombalova,** Head of Division for Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, EEAS; * **Mr. Vassilis Maragos**, Head of Unit C.2- Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus & Eastern Partnership, DG NEAR, European Commission.   *Moderated by* ***Ms. Cristina Gherasimov****, Research Fellow, Robert Bosch Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia, German Council on Foreign Relations.* |