



Hackathons in the Black Sea Regional Conference

Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea *2021 Turkish Coordination*

Regional Stakeholders Conference

Towards CMA projects for a resilient and sustainable blue economy in the Black Sea

Hackathons

The idea of hackathon (i.e. Hackers Marathons) started in the area of IT App development, as a marathon of software development in group of experts. The term then evolved as a more general process where specialists convey in short sessions for developing project ideas. In the context of the Blue Economy the term has been used in other EU sea basin (e.g. the Western Mediterranean) to support the definition of blue economy projects to be supported by Assistance Mechanism (such as the one operating in the Black Sea).

Concept Notes

As a basis for the hackathon exchanges, specific Concept Notes have been prepared and shared by the Black Sea Assistance Mechanism. Such notes are elaborated on the basis of previous events organised at regional and national level across the sea basin. Such notes are specific to the challenges and opportunities faced by the blue economy in the Black Sea. They are also general enough to allow for further specific ideas to be discussed as part of the hackathon session.

Role of panellists

A selected number of experts is directly invited to discuss the Concept Notes assembled for three dedicated thematic hackathon discussions one for each goal of the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea. Panellists are free to lead the discussion in the direction they feel more comfortable with, with the only caveat to move ahead towards the discussion/development of more concrete project ideas. The exchange will be moderated and further feedback will be encouraged from the audience, including possible new ideas. We absolutely not need any formal presentation of the organization – these could be done verbally and briefly at the beginning of each speech. Panellist should rather provide comments on the ideas as initially presented in the Concept Notes.

Topics to be discussed by panellists under the steer of the Moderator would be:

- Reflection on the concept and finetuning of the possible 'project idea(s)';
- Discuss possible Work Packages and actions to be developed in the project(s);
- Indicate what type of organisations/expertise should be included for a strong partnership.

Moderation

Moderation for each hackathon is provided by members relevant Black Sea organisations. The role of moderators is to introduce the main topic of the Concept Notes under each hackathon, introduce the panellist briefly and moderate the exchange on amongst them towards the definition of more concrete projects. At given points in time they check the most voted question/comments(s) on Slido and read out those to the panellist for their further reflection. The Black Sea Assistance Mechanism will assist the moderators prior and during the event.

BSAM support

The Black Sea Assistance Mechanism will support the overall moderation and the National Hubs are expected to provide the following support lines:

- Check whether comments/questions are available for the specific hackathon on Slido;
- Push for further interaction online and identify 'most voted' questions/comments;
- Be at disposal of the Moderators during the session for any specific actions.