

DAY 1

TUESDAY, 23 APRIL 2024

DRAFT PROGRAMME (05/04/24)

9:00 **REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE**

10:00 **HIGH-LEVEL OPENING** (Master of Ceremony: Adrian Stanica, DOORS Coordinator)

- Romanian Ministry of Science and Innovation, Name TBC
- Elisabetta Balzi, European Commission, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, Head of Unit “Oceans, Seas and Waters”
- Andreea Strachinescu, European Commission Directorate-General for Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, Head of Unit “Maritime innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment”
- HE Giles Portman, British Embassy in Romania, Ambassador
- Mihaela Candea Mirea, Black Sea Assistance Mechanism
- Angiolo Boncompagni, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership
- Irina Makarenko, Black Sea Commission for the Protection of the Environment
- Lazar Comanescu, Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, Ambassador
- Stavros Kalognomos, CPMR Balkan & Black Sea Commission

11:00 **SESSION 1: DOORS TO DIGITAL OCEAN** (Moderator: Violeta Slabakova, IO-BAS, Bulgaria)

Keynote: Andrew Tyler, University of Stirling, UK

Panel discussion: Dian Dimov, Port of Burgas (Bulgaria) ● Baris Salihoglu, BRIDGE-BS/METU (Turkey)

- Laura Boicenco, ANEMONE ● Irina Makarenko, Black Sea Commission

12:30 **LUNCH & NETWORKING**

13:30 **SESSION 2: DOORS TO SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY** (Moderator: Rory Scarrott, UCC (Ireland))

Keynote: Catherine Frideres, BlueInvest / PwC Accelerator (online)

Panel discussion: Eleni Manousiadi, Kantor ● Pavel Velkov, Morningside Hill Capital Management (Bulgaria)

- Mamuka Berdzenishvili, CMA National Hub & Tourism Institute (Georgia)
- Mihai Sfintescu, Abilito Capital (Romania) ● Jeremy Gault, Simply Blue Group

14:50 **COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**

15:20 **SESSION 3: DOORS TO ENHANCED CAPACITY** (Moderator: Martha Papathanassiou, BRIDGE-BS)

Keynote: Milen Baltov, University of Burgas (Bulgaria)

Panel discussion: Nino Chkhobadze, Greens Movement of Georgia ● Dina Eparkhina, EuroGOOS

- Marian Paiu, Mare Nostrum (Romania) ● Rory Scarrott, UCC (Ireland)

16:40 **EUROPEAN RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES FOR THE BLACK SEA** (Moderator: Mery Pina, EMBRC)

Speakers: Inga Lips, EuroGOOS ● Yann-Herve DeRoek, Euro-Argo ● Gabriella Quaranta, EMSO-ERIC

- Adrian Stanica, DANUBIUS-RI ● Alberto Basset, LifeWatch ● Mery Pina, EMBRC

17:40 **POSTER SESSION**

18:40 **NETWORKING RECEPTION**

20:00 **CLOSE OF DAY 1**

DAY 2

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2024

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10:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS – CO-DESIGN WORKSHOPS #1

Workshop A: Digital Ocean (Moderator: Andrew Tyler, University of Stirling, (UK))

This workshop will discuss the scientific and technical capabilities of the DOORS System of Systems – an integrated platform for near-real-time in situ and remote sensing data for the Black Sea.

Workshop B: Blue Economy Accelerator (Moderator: Eleni Manousiadi, Kantor)

This workshop will showcase the Blue Growth Accelerator programme jointly launched by DOORS and BRIDGE-BS and discuss innovation financing in the Black Sea.

11:00 COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING

11:30 PARALLEL SESSIONS – CO-DESIGN WORKSHOPS #2

Workshop C: Scientific methods to deliver policy advice (Moderator: Kalioppi Pagou, HCMR (Greece))

This workshop will analyse the implementation of environmental strategies and policies in the Black Sea and discuss the DOORS results.

Workshop D: Training and capacity enhancement (Moderator: Rory Scarrott, UCC (Ireland))

This workshop will address life-long learning and early career development programmes in the Black Sea and take stock of the DOORS Early-Stage Researcher Exchange Programme.

12:30 PARALLEL SESSIONS – CO-DESIGN WORKSHOPS #3

Workshop E: DOORS System of System user uptake (Moderator: Jos Brils, Deltares (Netherlands))

This workshop will discuss the value proposition of the digital marine knowledge platform of DOORS and its user uptake.

Workshop F: Ocean literacy & youth engagement (Moderator: Andreea Ionascu, Mare Nostrum (Romania))

This workshop will discuss youth engagement and ocean literacy activities in the Black Sea and analyse the progress of the DOORS Ocean Literacy Network.

13:30 LUNCH & NETWORKING

14:30 REPORTS FROM CO-DESIGN WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSION

Moderators: Vangelis Papathanassiou, DOORS & Sigi Gruber, Retired Official of the European Commission

- Highlights from stakeholder co-design workshops & moderated discussion with audience.

16:00 COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING

16:15 FRONTIERS IN BLACK SEA SCIENCE

Keynote: Adrian Stanica, DOORS Coordinator, GeoEcoMar (Romania)

16:30 CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS AND CALL TO ACTION

Panel discussion: Adrian Stanica, DOORS Coordinator ● Baris Salihoglu, BRIDGE-BS Coordinator

- Andreea Strachinescu, European Commission DG MARE ● Wendy Bonne, European Commission DG RTD

17:30 END OF CONFERENCE

- Adrian Stanica, DOORS Coordinator