

PARALLEL THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

The Common Maritime Agenda – How can civil society be engaged?

12th of November 2018, 16:00 – 17:30

<p>Main objectives of the workshop</p>	<p>To raise awareness to the civil society representatives on the common challenges and benefits of the Blue Economy as a whole and in the Black Sea.</p> <p>To make them familiar with the process towards the setting up of a Common Maritime Agenda in the Black Sea.</p> <p>To explore avenues of cooperation and seek projects ideas for cooperation at sea basin level. This cooperation to be linked with the emerging common maritime priorities from the national workshops.</p> <p>The workshop is open to all. Those that might find the discussion of particular interest are stakeholders dealing with environment, youth, marine research, business associations, citizens' platforms and maritime academia.</p>
<p>Speaker/ Resource person</p>	<p><i>Petya Genova, Maritime Policy Officer, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE)</i></p>
<p>Proposed methodology</p>	<p>Presentation by the Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing briefly the participants to the EU perspective on Blue Economy. • Presenting the work towards a Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea – what are the objective of the initiative, what would be the benefit for the region, why is it important for all stakeholders to be involved in this process (including civil society) etc; • Presenting the state of play and the next steps towards the adoption of Common Maritime Agenda; <p>Discussion with the audience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can CSOs contribute concretely to advancing the Common Maritime Agenda? • Projects ideas on regional cooperation in the Blue Economy– for example raising awareness on environmental issues and climate change, Blue Skills and careers promotion, youth participation in connection with the Agenda.

Other information

Ministerial Declaration: Towards a Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea (Burgas, 31st of May 2018):

https://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/maritimeday/sites/mare-emd/files/burgas-ministerial-declaration_en.pdf

Burgas Vision Paper: A Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Black Sea:

https://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/maritimeday/sites/mare-emd/files/burgas-vision-paper_en.pdf .

“Black Sea Blue Economy” project:

<http://blackseablueeconomy.eu/>