



## INVITATION

**REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER SEMINAR ON BLUE ECONOMY, 19 March 2019**

***“TOWARDS A COMMON MARITIME AGENDA FOR THE BLACK SEA”***

*Venue: Hilton Istanbul Maslak, Maslak Mahallesi, Büyükdere Cd. No:233, 34485 Sarıyer/İstanbul, Türkiye*

Following the 2018 Burgas Ministerial Declaration towards a [Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea](#), the Facility for Blue Growth has the pleasure to invite you to the Regional stakeholder seminar on blue economy. The seminar will take place on 19 March 2019 in Istanbul, Turkey. The Seminar is organised with the support of the European Commission and the involvement of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC PERMIS).

The benefit of regional maritime cooperation and innovations in marine research will again be at the heart of the discussions and how this can translate into practical advantages for the countries and the coastal communities in the Black Sea. Series of national roundtables in various Black Sea coastal countries held in 2018 gathered already first ideas at national level.

On this basis and with your contribution, we will try to refine the objectives and the concrete actions needed to support the blue economy in the region. This will help to shape the Common Maritime Agenda. The discussions will be organised around the following topics:

- ◆ Research and innovation;
- ◆ Maritime connectivity;
- ◆ Fisheries and aquaculture;
- ◆ Sustainability;
- ◆ Coastal and maritime tourism;
- ◆ Blue careers and skills.

This seminar will offer an interactive platform for discussion and debate and will give you many opportunities for networking with your peers and other policy experts, scientists, entrepreneurs and regional organisations active in the region.

To confirm your participation we invite you to register preferably by 1 March 2019 by completing the [ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM](#).

For more information on the organisation of this event, please email [helpdesk@blackseablueeconomy.eu](mailto:helpdesk@blackseablueeconomy.eu) or visit the event website: [Facility for Blue Growth in the Black Sea](#) or follow the [Maritime Forum](#).

We would be grateful if you could share information about the conference among your network of contacts. This will help us reach all interested stakeholders within the public sector, business, research and academia, civil society, financial institutions and elsewhere.