

Black Sea-Basin Workshop

TAKING COMMON ACTION FOR MAKING THE BLACK SEA SUSTAINABLE

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Speaker Profiles



Mihaela Mirea-Candea has been the Executive director of Mare Nostrum since 2008. She made the mission of Mare Nostrum her own and she wishes to raise the respect towards the environment. Mihaela has a consistent involvement in the non-profit sector dedicated to environmental protection and brings her experience in the central administration. At the same time, her continuous preoccupation for progress and improvement brought her the internationally recognized certification of Project Management Professional, which helps her to develop the working environment in the organisation. During her activity in Mare Nostrum, she focused her attention on subjects related to the Black Sea ecosystem conservation, such as data collection

regarding marine litter, cetacean conservation and education for sustainable development. Her publications are dedicated to the public and teachers, but also to the scientific community, having a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in Project Management.



Anca-Maria Gheorghe has been a Public Events Coordinator and Project Coordinator, at Mare Nostrum NGO since 2012, had her studies in Biology and master's degree in Biodiversity Conservation. For over 8 years, she has been in charge of organizing and coordinating public events, aimed to inform and educate people in order to respect the environment. She was involved in projects that targeted different areas, such as education or marine litter, responsible research and innovation, organic agriculture, sustainable development. Born and raised

near to the sea, she loved it since she was a little girl, and in time, studying various aspects related to its biodiversity, she realized even more how important the sea is for all of us. Through small steps, made in everyday life and her work, she wanted to show others the importance of the sea and how we can be responsible and work together to protect it.

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Patrizia Busolini is a policy officer at DG MARE Unit dealing with Sea-basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security. She is in charge of the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea (CMA) that aims at supporting regional cooperation for a more sustainable blue economy in the Black Sea and which is the 3rd and most recent EU sea basin initiative that joins similar frameworks of cooperation in the Atlantic and Western Mediterranean.

In the framework of its 3 goals - 1. Healthy marine ecosystems; 2. Innovative blue economy; 3. Investment - the CMA involves diverse Black Sea stakeholders: policy actors and public authorities, business, academia as well as civil society and international organization while research and innovation and digitalization are cross cutting enables of the process.

She equally works on similar regional processes that are active in the Mediterranean basin.

Pervious to this experience she was in charge of Enlargement and Integration Action of the EU Commission Joint Research Centre, focusing the identification and implementation of projects supporting Horizon 2020 Associated countries in participating to EU research and innovation projects.

Before joining the EU Commission, she was responsible for the implementation of the Axis 4 of the EU INTERREG Mediterranean Programme and the related Mediterranean intergovernmental platform focusing capacity building to Programme countries in the identification and implementation of joint policies and projects targeting common challenges in strategic sectors such as maritime surveillance, coastal/maritime tourism and innovation.



Andreea Ionascu is a psychologist and the Coordinator of the Education & Volunteering Department in Mare Nostrum NGO, one of the oldest NGOs in Constanta, Romania. She has developed over time a passion for the environment, and especially the sea, which are so interconnected with the health and welfare of human beings. Mare Nostrum opened for her new horizons related to the fascinating world of education for sustainable development, but also to environmental psychology. Andreea has been a part of Mare Nostrum NGO since 2007, dedicating her time and efforts to engaging young people, teachers, students, public authorities' representatives and the general public in taking action for the environment. She loves what she does and she strongly believes that education is the base of society and of change, for a better world.





Ms. Iryna Makarenko is Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer (PMA Officer) at Permanent Secretariat to the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (Bucharest Convention). Since December 2010, she works at the Permanent Secretariat of the Commission on the Protection of Black Sea Against Pollution (Bucharest Convention), an international intergovernmental organization and the Regional Sea Convention for the Black Sea based in Istanbul, Turkey. Before moving to Turkey, she worked as a diplomat in the Mission of Ukraine to the European Union in Brussels; earlier as Advisor to Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine on European Integration and as diplomat in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. She has a Master's Degree in the field of Environmental and Energy Law (Faculty of Law, Catholic University of Leuven, Kingdom of Belgium), Certificates on Water Law (University of Dundee, Scotland), Environmental Diplomacy (University of Geneva, Switzerland) and Regional Economics (University of Genoa, Italy).



Dr. Yordan Gospodinov has been a veterinarian. Currently, he has been Chairman of the Black Sea Advisory Council since 2018. The organization brings together the fisheries sector, NGOs and other stakeholders from Bulgaria and Romania. Since the establishment of the Organization in 2015, Dr. Gospodinov has taken an active role, being elected as Secretary General of the Black Sea Advisory Council. Dr. Yordan Gospodinov has been working as an Executive Director and a Representative for 13 years in the largest association of fishermen, aquaculture producers and processors in Bulgaria - "Association of Fishery Products Producers - BG FISH". He has worked as an expert and managerial level in the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency and in the Executive Agency for Fisheries and Aquaculture.



Prof. Dr. Eden Mamut is the Secretary General of the Black Sea Universities Network, a professor for Engineering Thermodynamics and Advanced Energy Systems and Director of the Institute for Nanotechnologies & Alternative Energy Sources at "Ovidius" University of Constanta, Romania. He has many affiliations in his activity, among which: member in the European Technical Committee CEN/CLC/JTC 6 Hydrogen in Energy Systems (since September 2019), member in the ECHA Expert Group on Nanomaterials (since April 2019), member of the Scientific Council of the International Centre of Heat and Mass Transfer (since 2008), member of the Technical and Scientific Committee of Romanian Association of Water (since 2013), Chair of the Scientific Committee of the Cluster MEDGreen specialized on ecotechnologies and alternative energy sources, Romania (since 2015) and Chair of the Scientific Committee of Fuel Cell & Hydrogen – Joint Undertaking



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(FCH2JU), Brussels, 2015 – 2017. He has received the title of Honorary Professor at Zaporozhye National Technical University, Ukraine (2015), Honorary Professor at Crimean Engineering & Pedagogical University, Crimea (2010) and Knight of the National Order “Star of Romania” (2000).



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