



# EU4Ocean Black Sea-Basin Workshop

## TAKING COMMON ACTION FOR MAKING THE BLACK SEA SUSTAINABLE

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# Why sea basin approach?

- Implementing **integrated maritime policy**
- Respond to **common challenges and opportunities** of the different sea basins, involving **3<sup>rd</sup> countries**
- Embedding blue economy challenges in ESIF funds
- **3 sea basin strategies: Atlantic, Western Mediterranean, Black sea**
- 2 macro regional strategies having a strong maritime character: Baltic and Adriatic-Ionian seas (lead REGIO)
- Specific approach to Outermost regions

# Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea

- Overarching framework - **Black Sea Synergy (lead EEAS)**
- CMA specific policy framework: **2019 Bucharest Ministerial Declaration**
- Unique **regional framework for cooperation** on maritime affairs and BE in the region
- 7 Countries: **Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine**
- **3 Goals:** Healthy marine ecosystem - Innovative blue economy - Investments
- **Implementation** launched this year in February, under the BG coordination

# Ocean literacy

- **GOAL 2 - Innovative blue economy**
- **Priority 3: Promote blue skills and blue careers as an engine for innovation and competitiveness**
- Support **ocean aware citizens and policy makers** committed to contribute to a clean, plastic free, healthy and productive Black Sea
- **Cross sector and multi actors** permanent process
- National and regional actions
- Black Sea **Virtual Knowledge Centre**

# Thank you



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