



PRESS RELEASE

**WORLD-RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHER KARL TAYLOR IS SUPPORTING BSEC'S EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE EXTENSIVE POLLUTION IN THE BLACK SEA**

We are happy and thrilled to announce that the world-renowned photographer Karl Taylor is supporting BSEC's efforts to combat the extensive pollution in the Black Sea! The famed British photo-artist has graciously allowed us to use two of his hugely powerful images, in order to better-illustrate two important BSEC PERMIS initiatives which we are launching this year. The projects are 'Blueing the Black Sea' (BBSEA) funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and supported by the World Bank and the Marine Litter in the Black Sea project funded by a grant from the EU. Karl Taylor's compelling photographs remind us, in a shocking way, of the catastrophic effects pollution will have on this, and coming, generations if nothing is done NOW to reduce plastics and other litter and toxic waste that is clogging up the Oceans and Seas of our increasingly vulnerable Globe.

Karl said: "Like other similar initiatives around the globe, I fully support the forthcoming projects that the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) is initiating this year to combat pollution and the growing plastic litter problem in the Black Sea".

Karl has produced a short video on the way he prepared the shooting of his two stunning images which demonstrates how strongly he feels about the plastics danger in our oceans including our own Black Sea. Video link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7Jy4uso-Og&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7Jy4uso-Og&feature=emb_logo) .

