



**PRESS RELEASE  
ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARIAT  
IN THE EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY 2022**

The BSEC PERMIS participated in the “*European Maritime Day 2022*” (EMD), which was held on 19-20 May 2022 in Ravenna, Italy. The event was co-organized by the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) of the European Commission, the City of Ravenna, the Ministry of Sustainable Infrastructures and Sustainable Mobility of Italy and the Region of Emilia-Romagna.

The “*European Maritime Day*” is the annual two-day event during which Europe’s maritime community meets to network, discuss and forge joint action in areas of common interest. It targets maritime professionals, entrepreneurs and ocean leaders from businesses, governments, public institutions, NGOs and academia. This year’s edition was focused on ‘Sustainable blue economy for green recovery’. The event was attended by around 1450 participants from all sea basins, including from the wider Black Sea area (Albania, Bulgaria, Georgia, Hellenic Republic, Romania, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine). The next EMD 2023 will be held in Brest, France.

The ceremonial opening session was honored by the participation of several high-level officials, among them Mr. Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries; Mr. Michele De PASCALE, Mayor of Ravenna; Mr. Andrea CORSINI, Councillor for Mobility and Transport, Infrastructure, Tourism & Commerce of Emilia Romagna Region; Mrs. Teresa BELLANOVA, Deputy Minister for Sustainable Infrastructures and Mobility, and others.

On the sidelines of the event, the responsible Executive Manager in charge of project management and cooperation with the EU, Mrs. Rositsa STOEVA met with Mrs. Charlina VITCHEVA, DG MARE Director General and her team; the Bulgarian National Hub of the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea (CMA); Mr. Leonardo MANZARI, WESTMED Blue Economy Initiative, Italy; Mr. Nickolaos P. VENTIKOS, Associate Professor, School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, National Technical University of Athens, and others.

The updated information related to all the event’s activities can be found on its official website - <https://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/maritimeday/en>