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**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE WORKSHOP
ON BRIDGING GAPS IN COASTAL RESTORATION. SYNERGIES AND
KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER FROM REST-COAST PROJECT
TO THE BLACK SEA REGION**

BSEC PERMIS organized a scientific Workshop on “Bridging Gaps in Coastal Restoration. Synergies and Knowledge Transfer from REST-COAST project to the Black Sea region” on 8-9 October 2024 in Thessaloniki.

As part of the “Large scale RESToration of COASTal ecosystems through rivers to sea connectivity - REST-COAST” project, the event aimed to discuss how to bridge the gaps in coastal restoration from ecology, economy, engineering and society perspectives, with special focus on the Black Sea and the newly published booklet by the BSEC PERMIS: “The route to Coastal Restoration: From REST-COAST project to the Black Sea region”.

The participants (around 60 people) shared knowledge, ideas and best practices in addressing key challenges in coastal restoration. The discussions concentrated on identifying barriers and enablers, strategies to overcome these challenges and assessing the global coastal protection benefits of wetland restoration. Financial aspects were also touched upon.

Particular attention was given to Black Sea and potential pathways for its restoration. Synergies with other EU-funded projects in the Black Sea like BRIDGE-BS, ARSINOE, have also been considered.

More detailed information about REST-COAST can be found here: <https://rest-coast.eu/>