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PRESS RELEASE
ON THE EFXINNOS WORKSHOP ON INNOVATIVE MARINE MONITORING
IN THE BLACK SEA

On 17 October 2025, BSEC PERMIS hosted the 2nd EfxINNOs Joint Workshop “Innovative Marine Monitoring Technologies for a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Black Sea,” organized by Istanbul University. The hybrid event gathered over 60 in-person and numerous online participants from ministries, regional bodies, academia, and the private sector.

Discussions focused on data-driven marine monitoring, promoting “data for decisions—not just data for reports,” and aligning with regional frameworks such as the Bucharest Convention (BSIMAP), the Common Maritime Agenda, and SRIA.

BSEC PERMIS Deputy Secretary General Mr. Dimitrios Rallis highlighted the project’s alignment with BSEC priorities for cleaner seas and sustainable growth, reaffirming BSEC’s support for regional cooperation. BSEC PERMIS Executive Manager for Project Implementation Ambassador Georgi Panayotov presented the updated BSEC Economic Agenda as a key tool for advancing the sustainable Blue Economy.

Experts from the EfxINNOs consortium showcased innovative technologies—AI systems, micro-AUVs/ROVs, and buoy networks—co-funded by the EU under the Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme (BSB00193), aimed at closing marine observation gaps and strengthening sustainable management in the Black Sea and North Aegean.

More information regarding the project can be found on: <https://envrio.eu/efxinno/>