

## ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

## Permanent International Secretariat

## PRESS RELEASE ON THE CONFERENCE ON THE OCCASION OF THE BLACK SEA ACTION DAY

An online conference was organized on 31 October 2025 by TUDAV (Turkish Marine Research Foundation) on the occasion of the International Black Sea Action Day.

The Conference marked the 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Strategic Action Plan for the Rehabilitation and Protection of the Black Sea — a landmark regional framework that laid the foundation for approaching three decades of coordinated action under the Bucharest Convention.

More than 30 participants, including representatives of the Black Sea Commission, UNDP, UNOPS, and ICBSS, scientists from universities and scientific institutes from Bulgaria, Romania, Türkiye, and the United Kingdom, as well as experts and civil society representatives attended the Conference. Three panels, covering presentations and discussions on "Resilient Black Sea and Shared Futures", "Regional Projects to Combat Marine Pollution and Preserve the Black Sea", and "Sustainable Blue Economy for the Black Sea" took place during the event.

BSEC PERMIS was represented by Executive Manager Ambassador Georgi Panayotov who did a keynote presentation on "Black Sea in a changing climate".