



## ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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#### PRESS RELEASE ON PILOT ACTIVITIES ON FIGHTING MICRO PLASTICS AND MARINE LITTER IN THE BLACK SEA

*(25 February 2021, Online)*

The first Meeting of all partners which will be involved in the implementation of the “Pilot Activities on Fighting Micro Plastics and Marine Litter in the Black Sea” has taken place online on 25 February 2021.

Participants representing the Sariyer Municipality, the “Plastics-Europe” Association, the Turkish National Plastics Association PAGEV, the BSEC Related Body – ICBSS, thoroughly discussed and exchanged views on the formulation of a road-map for the implementation of the above multifaceted project which includes:

1. A small scale collection of old fishing nets and other plastic marine litter in the Municipality of Sariyer and their recycling into useful, daily-life items.
2. The creation of a school kit in the national languages of the BSEC Member States littoral to the Black Sea.
3. The organization of a regional Essay Competition on marine litter prevention, tailor made for the Black Sea region and targeting high school students in the participating States.
4. Preparing an appealing short video for awareness raising purposes in all Black Sea littoral countries, as well as organisation of a regional high-level event/conference at the end of the project to present the results of the action and promote joint action/project in the Black Sea (based on the experience of the pilot activity).

The above innovative activities will be co-financed by the grant of the Directorate General for Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations of the European Commission and a small contribution by the US Consulate General in Istanbul.

The meeting helped participants to set priorities and agree on the responsibilities of every partner: BSEC PERMIS will shoulder the coordination and good implementation of this project.