



PRESS RELEASE
ON "SCIENCE-POLICY DIALOG FORUM FOR A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY
IN THE BLACK SEA

The "Science-Policy Dialog Forum for a Sustainable Blue Economy in the Black Sea", under the Horizon 2020-funded BRIDGE-BS project, took place in Thessaloniki on 29 March 2023.

The event was organized by the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) in its capacity as a Leader of WP8.

As partner of the "*BRIDGE-BS: Advancing Black Sea Research and Innovation to Co-Develop Blue Growth within Resilient Ecosystems*" project consortium and Task leader of WP 8.1.2, the BSEC PERMIS Staff Members participated in the event by actively contributing to the discussions, as well as to the organizational aspects of the meeting.

The aim of the event was to bring together scientists and policy-makers from the Black Sea region to exchange on key cross-cutting issues in established and emerging blue economy sectors in the Black Sea.

The event was developed in three interactive thematic Working Groups (WGs) of moderated discussions focusing on: i) multiple stressors on the Black Sea ecosystem, ii) innovation & entrepreneurship, iii) capacity building & skills, in order to enable a constructive science-policy dialogue based on actual needs and priorities.

Special emphasis was placed on creating a science-policy synergy to facilitate further future exchanges and follow-up actions.

Around 70 people participated in the Forum.

More detailed information about the event and the project itself can be found at <http://bridgeblacksea.org/>