



**PRESS RELEASE ON
2023 COMMON MARITIME AGENDA FOR THE BLACK SEA STAKEHOLDER
CONFERENCE**

The 2023 Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea Stakeholder Conference took place in Bucharest, on 22-23 November with the main topic being “*Joining Efforts for a Sustainable, Modern and Competitive Blue Economy*”. The Conference was organized by the Romanian Coordination of the CMA for 2023 with the support of the Black Sea Assistance Mechanism (BSAM) and the European Commission.

In his contribution to the opening panel, dedicated to regional cooperation and Black Sea Partnerships, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, underlined the importance of the CMA for the Black Sea region and of its scientific pillar – the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda for the Black Sea (SRIA) for the development of concrete regional projects that the Black Sea countries benefit. He highlighted, in this context, the relevance for the Black Sea region of: BSEC-EU interaction and the need to further strengthening it; exploration of new areas of interaction; need for synergies and better coordination among the various regional frameworks of cooperation.

The main purpose of the conference was to take stock of advancements in the implementation of the CMA across the Black Sea and foster discussions with regional stakeholders on areas for further action.

The hackathons and matchmaking sessions for project ideas were another key element of the event.

The summary of the Conference’s outcomes, as well as presentations will be published on the CMA website: <https://black-sea-maritime-agenda.ec.europa.eu/>

Around 200 people from the wider Black Sea area and beyond took part in the conference.