



The Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Black Sea
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Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda
March 16-17, 2020, Ankara, Turkey

Turkey Workshop

(opening in English on Day 1, translation will be available)

Culture and Convention Centre, Middle East Technical University
Ankara, Turkey

March 16th
Hall A

12:00 **Welcome drinks**

13:00 **Opening remarks**

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Verşan Kök, Rector, METU

Erdem Direkler, Director General for European Union Affairs and Foreign Relations,
Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure

Prof. Dr. Hasan Mandal, TUBITAK, President

Faruk Kaymakcı, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs

14:00 **2030 Vision for a healthy, resilient and better valued Black Sea**

Sigi Gruber, European Commission, Head of Unit Healthy Seas and Oceans

Black Sea Blue Growth video screening

14:30 **SRIA and the Implementation Plan: introduction, timeline, objectives and actors involved**

Assoc. Prof, Barış Salihoğlu, METU IMS

15:00 **Networking reception**

“Seas of Turkey” exhibition, Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TÜDAV)

Black Sea music recital by METU Students, Ezgi Tekin and Göksel Ilgın.

March 17th
SRIA Consultations in BreakOut Groups: setting the national priorities and operationalization of the SRIA Implementation Plan
Hall A

08:45 **Registration and coffee**

09:15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Mete Karaca, International Cooperation Director, TÜBİTAK

09:30 **SRIA introduction – Plan of the Breakout Sessions**

Assoc. Prof, Mustafa Yücel, METU IMS

10:00 **Coffee Break**



10:15 **Parallel SRIA Workshops: Setting National Priorities**

Pillar 1: Black Sea Knowledge Bridge: Addressing fundamental Black Sea research challenges

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Nüket Sivri, İstanbul University-Cerrahpaşa (TBC)
Hall F

Pillar 2: Black Sea Blue Economy: Developing products, solutions and clusters underpinning Black Sea Blue Growth

Moderator: Yakup Peker, The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV) (TBC)
Hall G

Pillar 3: Key Infrastructure and Policy Enablers: Building of critical support systems and innovative Infrastructures

Moderator: Assistant Prof. Dr. Devrim Tezcan, METU IMS (TBC)
Hall H

Pillar 4: Empowered Citizens & Enhanced Blue Workforce: Education and capacity building

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Fatma Telli Karakoç, Karadeniz Technical University, (KTÜ) (TBC)
Hall E

12:00 **Joint Networking Lunch**

13:00 **Parallel SRIA Workshops: The Implementation Plan**

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14:45 **Kahve Arası**

15:15 **Presentation of workshop outputs and interactive panel discussion (with Slido)**

Moderator: Doç. Dr. Barış Salihoğlu, METU IMS

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16:15 **Next steps, summary of the day and closing remarks**

Mete Karaca, International Cooperation Director, TÜBİTAK