



HIGH-TECH SUMMIT FOR THE BLACK SEA



Under the umbrella of the H2020 funded [BRIDGE-BS](#), the Blue Economy **High-Tech for the Black Sea** is a large research-based Black Sea forum on ocean digitalization and Industry 4.0 across academia, research organizations, investors, industry, and society at large.

It aims to provide a **meeting point** for industry and research to generate and incubate ideas for future blue economy innovative services, potentially across the various relevant **economic activities** for the Black Sea.

The first edition of the [High-Tech Summit for the Black Sea](#) will stand in Varna (Bulgaria) on **27 and 28 September 2022**. It is organized to create a supportive environment for companies, start-ups, organizations, and universities to exchange, present and discuss their latest technological developments, debate the most recent discoveries, participate in matchmaking events, and generate business ideas. The Summit will also be **instrumental to launch the new initiative** aimed at accelerating the uptake of **sustainable technologies** across the Black Sea.

Both **technology providers and technology users** are invited to participate. International practitioners are also invited to illustrate the potential of **Industry 4.0 business models for innovation in the blue economy** across other sea basins. It includes exhibitor stands, plenary conferences, and matchmaking sessions.



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Draft Agenda

[Register for online and on-site participation via this link](#)

DAY 1 – September 27 (afternoon)

(13:30 – 14:10) SUMMIT OPENING

Moderator: Baris Salihoglu, BRIDGE-BS, Middle East Technical University

- Opening
- Research and Innovation in the Blue Economy - European perspective
- Role of the HTBSS in the BRIDGE project (**Patrizio Mariani**, BRIDGE BS, Technical University Denmark)
- Working plan for the day (**Ilze Atasanova**, BRIDGE BS, Bulgarian Maritime Cluster & CMA National Hub for Bulgaria)

(14:10 – 15:30) SETTING THE SCENE

Moderator: Matteo Bocci, BRIDGE-BS, SML

- Roundtable: common patterns emerging across local discussions
 - **High-Tech trends** and impacts on business innovation (**Sky Lab DTU**, Jane Padersen)
 - **Investment** (EIB, Andrea Tinagli / **EFSD+**, Simone Raudino)
 - **'Enablers'** (**ClimAccelerator**, Phoebe Koundouri / **Mare Cluster**, Martina Rossi / **Thess-INTEC!**, Ambassador Michael B. Christides)

(15:30 – 16:00) BREAK AND EXHIBITION INTRODUCTION

(16:00 – 17:10) HIGH-TECH POTENTIALS FOR A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY IN THE BLACK SEA

Moderator: Frédérick Hegers, BRIDGE-BS, SML

- Roundtable: common patterns emerging across local discussions (60 mins)
 - **BRIDGE BS**: regional challenges and opportunities (Alice Guittard, Georgia Chantzi, Andrea Barbanti)
 - **DOORS**: regional emerging needs and challenges ahead (Jos Brills, Eleni Manousiadi)
 - Baseline study for the implementation of lighthouses of Mission **"Restore our ocean and waters by 2030"** in Danube Delta (Eduard Interwies) (**TBC**)
- 10 mins - Moderated Q&A and final wrap-up

(17:10 – 17:30) WRAP-UP (Patrizio Mariani & Mustafa Yucel)

(17:30 – 20:00) EXHIBITION

(20:00 – 22:00) NETWORKING AND MATCHMAKING



DAY 2 – September 28 (morning)

(09:30 – 09:45) DAY 2 OPENING

Speaker: Patrizio Mariani, BRIDGE BS, Technical University Denmark)

- 5 mins – Welcome and opening remarks
- 5 mins – Main outcomes of Day 1
- 5 mins – Working plan for the day

(09:45 – 11:15) PROJECT SHOWCASE: HIGH-TECH FOR SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION (MODERATED ROUNDTABLE)

Moderator: Matteo Bocci, BRIDGE-BS, SML

- 30 mins – Monitoring, data and devices
 - **Italian National Research Centre** (Matteo Diez)
 - **Xer Technologies** (Fredrik Broström)
 - **MarLiter** (Paiu Marian)
 - **BRIDGE-BS** (Mustafa Yucel)
- 15 mins – Moderated Q&A with the audience
- 30 mins – Ports, Transport & Logistics
 - **GALATEA** (Clemence Le Corff)
 - **MedPorts Association** (Raul Cascajo)
 - **GS Data** (George Serban)
- 15 mins – Moderated Q&A with the audience

(11:15 – 11:30) BREAK

(11:30 – 13:00) PROJECT SHOWCASE: HIGH-TECH FOR SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION (MODERATED ROUNDTABLE)

Moderator: Frédérick Herpers, BRIDGE-BS, SML

- 30 mins – Fisheries & Aquaculture
 - **CLS NEMO** (Sylvie Giraud)
 - **OpenMode - Floating Technologies** (Esteban Camacho)
 - **Aquatech4Feed** (Giorgos Markou)
 - **NewTechAqua** (Alessio Bonaldo)
 - **BlackSea4Fish** (Hüseyin Özbilgin)
- 10 mins – Moderated Q&A with the audience
- 30 mins – Tourism and recreational activities
 - **BoatMate** (Murat Gurhan)
 - **BOATSANDGO** (Antonio Amendola)
 - **Natural Greece** (Chantel Beuvink)
 - **BlueRoses** (Elena Ciappi)
- 15 mins – Moderated Q&A with the audience

(13:00 – 13:30) WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS: BRIDGE-BS ACCELERATOR

(13:30 – 15:30) LIGHT LUNCH DURING EXHIBITION AND B2B MEETINGS/MATCHMAKING

