

Date and Venue

15-17 September 2024 at Tbilisi State University in Tbilisi, Georgia

15.09.2024 - Arrival

15.09.2024 (1. Day)

- 15:00 - 15:30 **Opening Remarks**
Tour de Table, Ice-breaker
- 15:30 – 16:00 **Welcome Lecture: Introduction of BRIDGE-BS Project**
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Introduction of the Virtual Blue Career Center**
- Dinner / Social Program**

16.09.2024 (2. Day)

- 09:00 - 09:15 **Opening Remarks and Summary of Day 1**
- 09:15 - 17:00 **Presentations on Blue Biotechnology in the Black Sea**
-Overview on trends, challenges, opportunities on Food, Energy, Health, Molecular approach, Industrial products, Environment)
-Exchange with the students and Q&A (30 min)

17.09.2024 (3. Day)

- 09:00 – 09:15 **Opening Remarks and Capacity Building in BRIDGE-BS**
- 09:15 - 17:00 **Blue Economy YouthAThon**
Day 3 will follow a hackathon type approach where participants will work in a small team setting in order to develop a viable solution to boost the sustainable development of the Blue Economy with a particular focus on the emerging sector of biotechnologies. Short lectures will be given on the financial, social and environmental aspects of the Blue Economy in the Black Sea from challenges to solutions, to support the team for developing their solution. By the end of the day, each team will have 5 min to present their solution to a jury. (The winning team will have the opportunity to pitch their idea at the BRIDGE HTS4BS)
- Dinner / Social Program**