

## FINAL MEETING

### “Improving Environmental Monitoring in the Black Sea” – Selected Measures (EMBLAS-Plus) Project

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Venue: virtual zoom meeting, organized by UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub / Istanbul, Turkey

Date: 28 May 2021 / Language: English

Time: 11.00 – 13.00 Istanbul/ 10.00– 12.00 Brussels time

#### Draft Agenda (ver 28 May 2021)

The Final Meeting aims to present the overall achievements of the EMBLAS-Plus project to the project partners, national and international stakeholders, as well as introducing the new project phase EU4EMBLAS.

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Zoom meeting opening / participants login 15 min before the start

- 15 min 1. Opening of the meeting - Welcome from the UNDP IRH Gerd Trogemann/ Opening remarks by EC DG NEAR representative Michael Rupp
- Introduction of participants and agenda (Vladimir Mamaev)
  - Introduction to EMBLAS-Plus: objectives, planned results, implementation (Marcela Fabianova)

- 40 min 2. The state of the Black Sea: What have we learned so far? Is the Black Sea recovering?
- Joint Black Sea Surveys and assessment of the BS status based on data collected by EMBLAS, use of EU MSFD-compliant methodologies for BS status assessment: towards harmonisation of the BS regional assessment schemes (Jaroslav Slobodnik)
  - BS Water Quality Database (Viktor Komorin)
  - BS Regional monitoring programme (Viktor Komorin)
  - BS national monitoring programmes: Ukraine (Viktor Komorin) / Georgia (Marine Mgeladze) / Russian Federation (Alexander Korshenko)

10 min discussion, comments from the participants

- 25 min 3. Innovative approaches in the Black Sea monitoring
- Novel monitoring methodologies applied at the BS regional scale - wide-scope target and suspect chemical screening, eDNA, antimicrobial resistance, passive sampling (Jaroslav Slobodnik)
  - Pollution of the BS by marine litter & microplastics, aerial survey of marine mammals, (Maria Pogojeva)

5-10 min discussion, comments from the participants

- 15 min 4. Raising awareness and involving the public in the Black Sea protection
- Overview on sharing scientific results of the project with public / Public awareness raising on preventing pollution by marine litter, innovative approaches - low value grants and campaigns / The Black Sea Day (O. Marushevskaja)

5-10 min. discussion, comments from the participants

- 25 min 5. Lessons learned, new phase of EU support to EMBLAS and future cooperation
- Information on the new EU/UNDP project – objectives, planned actions, results and cooperation – timeframe for the next actions (Marcela Fabianova)
  - Statements from the countries – feedback from countries on achievements from EMBLAS so far: Georgia (Maia Javakhishvili) / Russian Federation (Natalia Tretiakova) / Ukraine (Roman Shakhmatenko) / Black Sea Commission Secretariat (Irina Makarenko)
  - Any other statements

Discussion, AOB, Closing remarks

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Meeting documents: Agenda / Summary Findings