



## ABOUT

- The annual EU meeting point on maritime affairs and blue growth
- Targeting Europe's community of maritime professionals from
- Academia, NGOs, businesses, governments and public administration
- Hub for connecting project promotors, entrepreneurs and ocean leaders
- Make new contacts and meet strategic partners
- Get visibility for your projects, activities and achievements
- Get insight into EU policies and funding programmes
- Discover new project opportunities and business leads

## HOW TO GET THERE

- Flights to Burgas, Varna and Sofia
- Shuttles from and to Varna airport (2 hrs) and Sofia airport (4 hrs) will be provided
- Precise information on connections to be available on EMD website as of February 2018

## LANGUAGES

- Interpretation from Bulgarian to English in plenaries
- No interpretation provided in workshops



<b>Day 0 (WED-30/5)</b>		Arrivals, Shuttles from Burgas, Varna and Sofia airports
19.00 – 21.00 <b>BLUE APERO</b> - Pre-event networking drink		Hosted by DG MARE, Sea Casino Culture Centre
<b>Day 1 (THU-31/5)</b>	<b>EXHIBITION + PITCH STAGE: ATRIUM + NETWORKING VILLAGE</b>	
8.30 Registration & welcome coffee		<i>Moderator: Oleksandra Vakulina, Euronews</i>
9.00–10.30 <b>BLUE PRACTICE</b> Stakeholder workshops I		<i>Parallel stakeholder workshops</i>
10.30 - 11.15 <b>BLUE NET</b> Networking coffee		<i>Exhibition Pitch Stage and Networking Village</i>
11.15–12.45 <b>BLUE PRACTICE</b> Stakeholder workshops II		<i>Parallel stakeholder workshops</i>
12.45–13.45 <b>BLUE BITE</b> <i>Lunch buffet</i>		
13.45–14.15 <b>BLUE STAGE</b> Political opening		<i>Cssr. Vella, Minister Ivaylo Moskovski (BG), Mayor of Burgas</i>
14.15–14.45 <b>BLUE STAGE</b> Black Sea Blue Growth Declaration		<i>Ministers from Black Sea countries (Invited: Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine); Michael Christides, Secretary General, Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (tbc)</i>
14.45–16.15 <b>BLUE STAGE</b> <i>Big Bang Black Sea? - achievements and challenges for investing in sustainable blue growth and regional cooperation</i>		<i>Ivelina Vasileva, Chairwoman Environment and Water Committee, Parliament of Bulgaria; Christophe Clergeau; Member, European Committee of the Regions; Abdellah Srour, Executive Secretary of General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (tbc); Mihaela Candea, Executive Director, Mare Nostrum, RO (tbc); Ilze Atanasova, Chair of the Board, Marine Cluster Bulgaria (tbc), Sigi Gruber, Head of Unit, European Commission DG RTD</i>
16.15 – 17.00 <b>BLUE NET</b> Networking coffee		<i>Parallel stakeholder workshops</i>
17.00 – 18.30 <b>BLUE PRACTICE</b> Stakeholder workshops III	<i>Parallel stakeholder workshops</i>	
18.30 – 22.00 <b>BLUE CURACAO</b> Networking cocktail	Hosted by City of Burgas, Burgas Harbour	

<b>Day 2 (FRI 1/6)</b>		
<b>08.30</b> Welcome coffee	<b>EXHIBITION + PITCH STAGE: ATRIUM + NETWORKING VILLAGE</b>	
<b>09.00 – 10.00 BLUE FUNDS</b> How to access EU project funds for Blue Growth and Sea Basin cooperation?		<i>Black Sea Blue Growth facility, DG MARE, Submariner, ERRIN, CPMR</i>
<b>10.00 – 11.30 BLUE PRACTICE</b> Stakeholder workshops IV		<i>Parallel stakeholder workshops</i>
<b>11.30– 12.15 BLUE NET</b> <i>Networking coffee</i>		<i>Exhibition Pitch Stage and Networking Village</i>
<b>12.15 – 12.45 BYE-BYE BLUES</b> Closing and handover		<i>Amphitheatre/main stage: 3 'Ambassadors' of EMD in your country events present their activities. Handover: Joao Machado, Director General, DG MARE, European Commission, Mayor of Burgas, Mayor of Lisbon</i>
<b>12.45</b> Lunch and shuttles to airport		<i>Airport shuttles to Burgas and Varna airports, depending on flight schedules of shuttles lunch and/or (no-plastic) lunch packets will be served</i>
AFTERNOON: Possibility for site visits		<i>Site visits to EU-funded projects in case of interest: e.g. Harbour (ERDF), Fishing port (EMFF), underwater archeology (INTERREG), 'Gipsy Bay' (LEADER), etc.</i>

**Pitch stage in Networking Village: Day 1 10.40-11.15, Day 1 16.25-17.00, Day 2 11.25-12.00**

*Short pitches (5 min.) for, among others, EU projects, sea/ocean activists and leaders: Sharing of impact-oriented activities, ideas and solutions to sea/ocean-related challenges and opportunities.*

**Indicative Pitch Stage programme**

PS1	Blue Growth - Selected projects:
PS2	Ecosystems/environment
PS3	NGOs, Sea/Ocean activists

**Side-events/activities** (all to be confirmed):

- Let's talk about Europe Dialogue (CoR)
- Beach-cleaning activity involving students (Surfrider)
- Film screening: Plastic Ocean (Surfrider/local partners)
- Academic conference: Blue Economy and development
- BG Presidency workshop on future of cohesion policy
- BG Presidency COREPER II Ambassadors

