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Spotlight on the Joint Operational Programme Black Sea Basin 2014-2020

This year we all faced the most challenging and unexpected situation, crisis caused by the pandemic of coronavirus disease.

Although the period between April and June was considerable marked by pandemic Covid-19, the programme proceeded in step with the planned schedule. The crisis sought for proactive measures and solutions to overcome any delay that may affect the projects and programme implementation.

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Black Sea Basin projects tackling COVID-19

1st Call for Proposals

Every single action matters in the fight against the impact of COVID-19, and Black Sea Basin Programme is an active player in this difficult context.

10 projects help their stakeholders and local communities in dealing with the crisis and its impacts.



AGRONET



AgroNet project developed the online platform <u>AgroDeals</u> for the agricultural sector in the Black Sea Basin region. It brings together farmers, agricultural cooperatives, retailers and wholesalers, exporters and importers-anyone involved in making, buying and selling agricultural products. The platform supports entrepreneurs to find partners in the international market and expand their business, helping to overcome the pandemic and its socio-economic impact.

TEAWAY

The project aims to boost the TEA economy and to support SMEs in enhancing their innovative business capacities to develop and achieve growth and engage them to innovation. The project strives the economic growth potential represented by the regional and local manufactured tea and is inviting the tea producers to join the market opportunities developed by the project.



CERTOUR II

The project developed 3 Management models adapted to the tourism to support the SMEs to overcome the impact of this current unprecedented crisis. The documents are published in the <u>programme e-Library</u>. Further, the mentors' registry, the management tools, the mentors' training package and the e-training platform that will be developed will support the tourism SMEs to energize the business.





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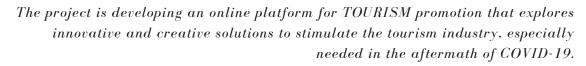
Common borders. Common solutions.



WINET

WINET platform and the WINE network under development within the project are intended to increase the trade capacity in the Black Sea Basin area. Both tools will link SMEs, higher education and research, local/regional/national authorities as well as interest groups, NGOs and business support organizations helping to overcome the pandemic and its socio-economic impact.

CULTOUR-BSB



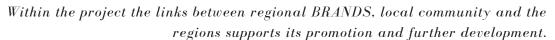




ITM BEE-BSB

The project supports the networking among apicultural producers in improving the conditions of production, increasing the quality of BEE products, promoting their products and boosting cross-border trade opportunities as well as modernizing the beekeeping sector and related activities.

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DACIAT

The Aquaculture Virtual Center of Competences under development within the project is a cross-border business & logistics information exchange system for entrepreneurs that want to upgrade their knowledge in the AQUACULTURE sector or develop new competences in this sector. Considering the actual context generated by COVID pandemic, the development of customized support services and improving the existing ones will increase the importance of gaining upgraded innovative capacities of enterprises activating in the field of aquaculture.

SILC

The SILK Road Virtual Observatory created within the project will provide to the stakeholders acting in cultural and tourism sectors with additional tools to improve the quality of their products and services essential for their competitiveness.



TRESURE

The project promotes tourist attractions from the Black Sea Basin region and also displays information and recommendations to reduce the risk of infection and prevent coronavirus on the LED monitor purchased within the project.

The LED screen has been placed on Independence Square in the centre of the town of Ungheni - the administrative seat of the district - and now displays information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This ensures that the public have free and unhindered access to useful information, even if they do not have internet connections or IT equipment. And one more person informed about how to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19 means one less patient in a hospital bed.

Modern and innovative tools developed in cross border partnership are coming together to minimize the impact and to reduce the effects of negative impact on the citizens' welfare from the region.







Black Sea Basin community

2nd Call for Proposals

The programme is moving forward and for 22 projects from the second Call for proposals Grant contracts have been signed, with a total value of 19.5 million euro, 17.9 million euro from ENI funds.

Now the Black Sea Basin community reached 46 projects and further contracts from the second Call for proposals continue to be signed.

The contracted projects aim to promote tourism opportunities by improving tourism infrastructure, jointly promoting cultural, historical and tourism products in the region, including cultural tourism, by using modern and innovative means of communication and presentation of cultural, archaeological and historical heritage, as well as through the restoration, reconstruction and modernization of sites of cultural and historical importance.

At the same time, these projects will facilitate the development of trade links, transnational networks and knowledge transfers between entrepreneurs and professionals in the agricultural and related sectors, in order to develop agriculture in the Black Sea basin, so as to increase the economic and social performance of this sector by using the potential of Geographical Indication (GIs) products in the region.

The list with the awarded projects is published on the programme website: www.blacksea-cbc.net.









These projects will also help to improve joint monitoring of the environment by facilitating technological innovations, cooperation and data exchange in the field of water quality, biodiversity, assessment of fish resources and other aquatic flora and fauna in the Black Sea and will promote the improvement of environmental quality through awareness and education actions on marine and riparian pollution issues, as well as through cross-border clean-up campaigns of rivers in the Black Sea basin.

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Interreg 30 years together

ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme

All along 2020, the Interreg community celebrates 30 years of Interreg and cooperation in all its shapes. As the second pillar of the Cohesion policy, Interreg is at the heart of the European spirit because it encourages regions and countries to tackle challenges they can solve only by working together.

Take the virtual tour <u>here</u>.

ZEWSGES

Starting with this year, ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme joined the Interreg community. The celebrations of Interreg's 30th anniversary focusses on three main topics: We all have a Neighbour; Youth and Green and Climate Neutral Europe.

An exhibition has been prepared to bring to life the "stories of people working, acting and cooperating... TOGETHER FOR ALL OF US."

In the room Green and Climate Neutral Europe you will find exhibited the project Zero Waste Strategy for Good Environmental Status (ZEWSGES, BSB257) funded by ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme.





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e-Library is now open!

ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme

To make the knowledge, experiences, and results generated by projects more accessible and to promote the project's achievements and demonstrate the added-value of cross border cooperation, the programme website was developed to accommodate an e-Library.

To open the e-Library click <u>here</u>.

The e-Library is available at the Capitalisation section and contains the documents prepared by the beneficiaries during the projects implementation, using the programme funds (e.g. reports, studies, surveys, masterplans, guidelines, maps, plans, portfolios, manuals, videos, strategies, common papers etc.).

The access to the digital repository is open to the stakeholders and the wider community to foster synergies, ensure complementarity and to boost the initiatives and the workaround Black Sea Basin to protect the environment and to promote business and entrepreneurship.

The documents are listed by programme specific objectives, organized by categories linked to the programme output indicators.

Further, a Kids' corner is arranged with attractive materials elaborated by the beneficiaries to raise awareness on environmental challenges in the Black Sea Basin. Enjoy Reading!







TRAVEL around Black Sea and discover the projects

1st Call for Proposals

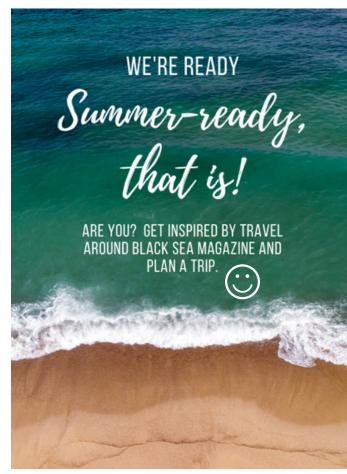
ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme is foreseeing to consolidate the business opportunities in the tourism and cultural sectors.

5 projects from the 1st Call for proposals proposed and implemented concrete actions for further tourism development based on the Black Sea Basin's rich potential, with cross-border cooperation impact and benefits.

There are still projects from the first call for proposals which have just started to prepare the outcomes deliver and many other tourism strategies and products to be achieved by our projects.

As regards the projects from the second call for proposals, there are 11 projects selected for funding proposing concrete actions for further tourism development based on the Black Sea Basin's rich potential, with cross-border cooperation impact and benefits.

To read the material click here.











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