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Dear Participant,

For more than 25 years, international organisations and individual countries have made a lot of efforts to improve the environmental status of the Black Sea, granting significant resources to achieve this goal. The research community from both the European Union and countries from the Black Sea basin is part of this undertaking.

On the occasion of European Maritime Day held in 2018 in Burgas (Bulgaria), there was publication of the Vision Paper - A Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Black Sea. This policy paper was a milestone on the way to a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, identifying key elements which will be considered in the next ten years.

One of the priorities of the Romanian Presidency to the EU Council is to define a general framework for cooperation in research and innovation at the Black Sea. This goal is a long-term one and a lot of work has been already done.

The European Commission - DG Research & Innovation, and the Romanian Presidency to the European Council, would like to invite you to participate in the conference "Sustainable Development at the Black Sea" (<http://sust-black.ro>) that will take place in Bucharest on 8-9 May 2019 (and an optional field trip in Danube-Delta on 10-11 May 2019)

The conference is a Presidency event, supported by the European Commission, where the "Bucharest Declaration" of the scientific community will be issued, launching a Strategic Research and Innovation agenda for the Black Sea. Important contributions to this document have already been made by researchers and stakeholders from countries in the Black Sea basin, providing an excellent example of science diplomacy in this area.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at sust-black@geocomar.ro.

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