



## **The Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution**

The Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (the Black Sea Commission or BSC PS) via its Permanent Secretariat is the intergovernmental body established in implementation of the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (Bucharest Convention), its Protocols and the Strategic Action Plan for the Rehabilitation and Protection of the Black Sea.

There are seven BSC PS Advisory Groups which provide their expertise and information support to the Commission and Secretariat on following sectors: (a) pollution monitoring and assessment (PMA); (b) control of pollution from land based sources (LBS); (c) development of common methodologies for integrated coastal zone management (ICZM); (d) environmental safety aspects of shipping (ESAS); (e) conservation of biological diversity (CBD); (f) environmental aspects of the management of fisheries and other marine living resources (FOMLR); and (g) information and data exchange (IDE).

Within the institutional framework co-ordinated by BSC PS, seven Black Sea Regional Activity Centres (RAC) have been established on base of existing national organizations.

BSC PS possesses co-operation links and options for consultative conversation with other intergovernmental organizations involved in marine pollution affairs at the global and regional level, including the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), International Maritime Organization (IMO), Global Environmental Facility (GEF), International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR), Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS), Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), European Environment Agency (EEA), different institutions of the European Union (EU) and some other organizations.

The Black Sea states collaborate with all above organizations directly or through the BSC PS Secretariat.

### **The project will essentially be implemented by:**

- Dr Violeta Velikova, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer
- Dr Ahmet Kideys, Executive Secretary

### **Role in the project:**

BSC is leading the “Gap Analysis” task in WP2, and taking part in the “End-user communication” and “Decision-makers and policy involvement” tasks in WP7. BSC will also co-organize with ITU the final project conference in Istanbul.