Black Sea SCENE supports the integrated provision of infrastructure-related services to the Black Sea region research community. The Black Sea SCENE research infrastructure aims at stimulating scientific cooperation, exchange of knowledge and expertise, and strengthening the regional capacity and performance of marine environmental data & information management, underpin harmonization with European marine data quality control/assessment procedures and adoption of international meta-data standards and data-management practices, providing improved data & information delivery services for the Black Sea region at a European level.

The detailed objectives are:

- To establish a Black Sea Scientific Network of leading environmental and socio-economic research institutes, universities and NGO's from the countries around the Black Sea, that will meet in regular Workshops, together with partners from EU member states.
- To discuss and to tune the content and coherence of the Networking Activities.
- To monitor and to evaluate the progress of the Networking Activities.
- To discuss and to prepare long term arrangements for sustaining the Black Sea SCENE network and the Black Sea virtual data and information infrastructure.
- To determine the present quality of Black Sea datasets, managed by the regional partners, through inventory of Data Quality Control methods, comparison with EU standards and practices, and Data Quality Assessments at partners, and to harmonize the future quality of datasets by exploring and harmonizing common DQC and DQA methods.
- To adopt and to implement internationally agreed protocols for cataloguing and exchanging Black Sea datasets, by collecting meta data and using XML formats for populating standardized meta-directories, and preparing exchange formats for the data sets, managed by the regional partners.
- To develop and to implement a Black Sea virtual data and information infrastructure, including a Black Sea regional portal, to facilitate the access to metadata and distributed datasets, managed by the regional partners.
- To promote, to disseminate, to maintain and to plan future exploitation of the Black Sea SCENE virtual data and information infrastructure, in order to increase the public understanding, awareness and knowledge about the Black Sea environment, to illustrate the important role and impact of the Black Sea SCENE infrastructure.
Black Sea NGO Network (BSNN) has as mission to offer to SCENE information infrastructure the multidimensional connectivity with the extra-research end-users of the environmental data.

In this way, BSN will contribute at transforming the information infrastructure, created by the 31 SCENE Universities and Research Institutes, into a "Black Sea Environment Friendly Knowledge Platform".

**Black Sea SCENE**

a cross-regional project

Black Sea Scene is an Integrating Activity implemented as Co-ordination Action (Research Infrastructures Action) in the Framework of the Structuring the European Research Area Specific Programme (Sixth Framework Programme – FP6)

The Black Sea SCENE project is undertaken by 25 partners from Black Sea countries: Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine, together with 6 partners from EU member states and one from Norway (EU Associated State).

Overall management and coordination of Black Sea SCENE activities and management of resources by a Project Coordination Group. Daily Management is carried out by the Project Office – MARIS*

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As a specific topic, the participants will prospect for youth capacity building in view of EU enlargement and will focus on formation of working groups for joint youth planning and projects and for preparing an address to the Black Sea Commission in view of **Black Sea Ecosystem Recovery Project – Phase 2**.

**BSERP NGOS in Transition**

**UNDP/GEF Black Sea Ecosystem Recovery Project (BSERP)** encourages innovative ideas in addressing the reduction of nutrient and toxics pollution.

**Awareness-raising and Information dissemination through the media as one of the most successful NGO tools.**

**Lobbying and campaigning are encouraged, as this allows NGOs to reach and influence policy makers, consumers, producers, local communities and various stakeholder groups.**

**Public participation in active and lasting dialogue with decision makers, discussing problems and influencing the decision-making process.** NGOs are encouraged to promote and facilitate public involvement in the decision-making process in relation to water management, planning and other relevant environmental processes reducing pollution in hotspot areas.

**Environmental education and training** aimed at improving understanding of natural and toxics-related problems, as well as engage to prevent and reduce them. Those focused activities that reach and influence different individuals or target groups are also encouraged.

**Networking and partnerships development** by creating networks and partnerships with other NGOs as well as with other stakeholders from related regional projects.