Preserving the Marine Environment of the Black Sea

Black Sea environmental challenges and solutions

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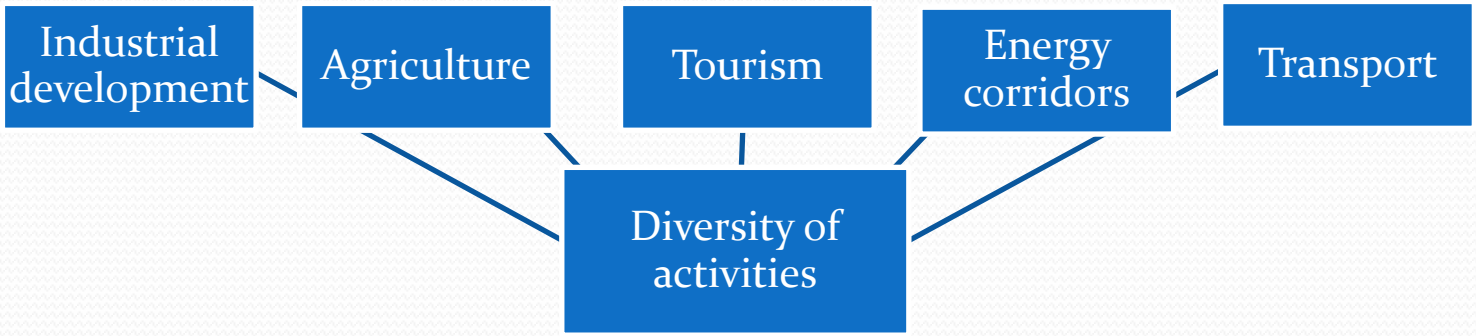
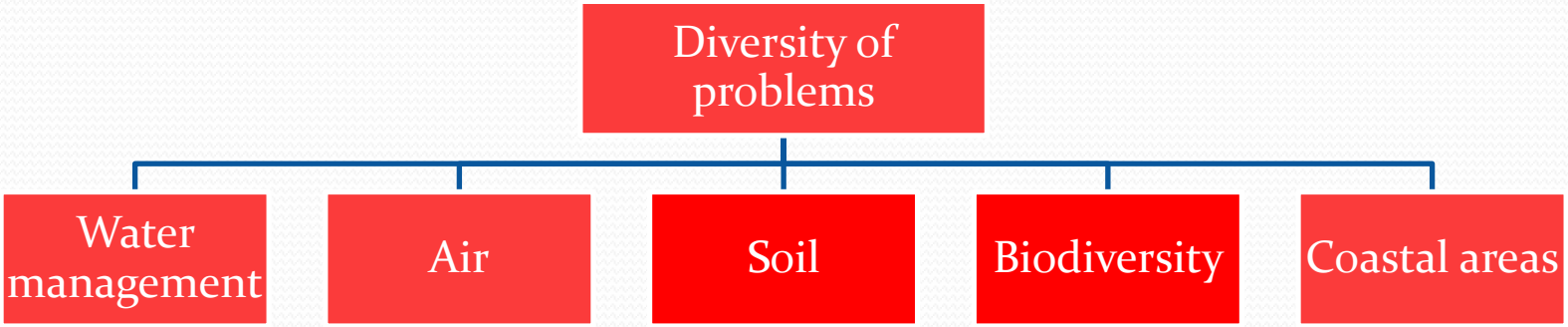


BLACK SEA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY INTEGRATION



Where do we stand?

Plastic beaches

Hydrographical conditions

Agricultural areas

Chemical pollution

Submarine cables

Commercial fish exploitation

Contamination of marine environment

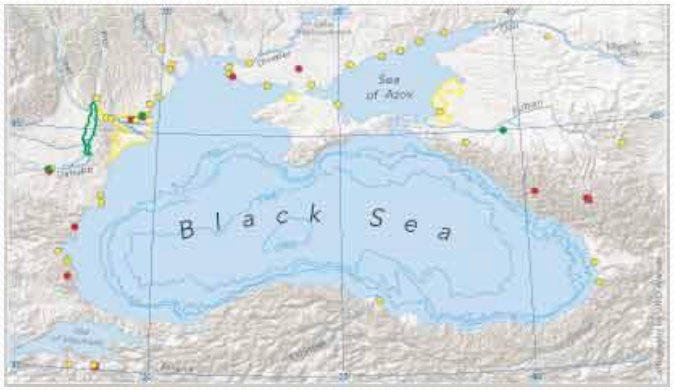
Oil spills

Black Sea and Policy Making

EU bodies/EU funding

International bodies and Regulations

Research centres



Civil Society

Regional/Local authorities

Stakeholders

National governments

Black Sea and Project development

Variety of projects targeting various environmental problems of the Black Sea

Typically including 2-3 BS countries (partial model)

The solutions are non systematic and partial

Regardless of where the problem appears – it impacts the Black Sea region as a whole

It is essential to assess the environmental problems of the Black Sea region and to develop a unified targeting approach

Project challenges

- The absence of dedicated Black Sea strategy on EU, national and regional levels
- Low level of integrity between the different environmental projects and their priorities
- Limited scope of the Black Sea environmental policy – strong national orientation, only 2 EU Member States, scattered policy measures

The Good examples

- MSFD Guiding Improvements in the Black Sea in Monitoring System – MISIS
- Improving Environmental Monitoring of the Black Sea – EMBLAS
- Environmental Monitoring of the Black Sea Basin: Monitoring and Information Systems for Reducing Oil Pollution (MONINFO)

Addressing the Black Sea policy needs

- Environmental cohesion – integration – coordination – unification
- Supporting the implementation of the European Commission's preparatory actions (e.g. *"Preparatory action - Environmental monitoring of the Black Sea Basin and a common European framework programme for development of the Black Sea region")*
- Launching new initiatives - greening of the Black Sea, resource management of the Black Sea, Black Sea Environmental Framework 2020
- Establishment of a Black Sea risk assessment centre
- Cooperation and more internal common initiatives from all Black Sea countries with a particular focus on full monitoring of the Black Sea environment
- Prioritization of the real Black Sea environmental problems and preparation of indicative program for targeted development (holistic model - from national to regional level)
- Provision of EU support and guidance
- Preparation of indicative financial plans, including different financial instruments

Expected results

- Reducing the environmental impact of large infrastructure developments (e.g. oil, gas, and transport infrastructure)

- Effective and Black Sea-friendly agricultural technologies

- Sustainable tourism/biodiversity

- Intelligent industry

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