

Project: BSB00559
Cooperation and Awareness for Pollution-free and
Environmentally Sustainable Black Sea
CARE SEA

28 – 30 October 2025
Thessaloniki, Greece

Venue: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Civil Engineering Department
Building of Hydraulics & Environmental Engineering (#13), 1st floor, Seminars Hall

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3rd Steering Committee Meeting

15:00 – 15:30	Registration and welcome tea / coffee
15:30 – 16:00	Opening remarks - Welcome address by the Lead Institution (BSU) - Introductory statements by partner institutions
16:00 – 17:00	Review of Project Progress (Period 3) - Presentation by BSU (Lead Partner) - Contributions from USPEE, KTU, AUTH, DDNI
17:00 – 17:15	Tea / Coffee break
17:15 – 18:15	Financial and Administrative Management - Interim reporting requirements - Budget utilization and reallocation issues - Compliance with EU Regulation No. 2021/1059 (communication & visibility) BSU, USPEE, KTU, AUTH, DDNI
18:15 – 18:30	Tea / Coffee break
18:30 – 19:00	Work Package Progress Review - WP1: Project Management & Coordination - WP2: Capacity Building and Trainings - WP3: Field Monitoring & Research Activities BSU, USPEE, KTU, AUTH, DDNI
19:00 – 20:00	Roundtable Discussion
21:00	Welcome Dinner

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Training Course: Tools and Methodologies for Microplastic Pollution Assessment

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and welcome tea / coffee	
09:30 – 09:45	Opening remarks • Assoc. Prof. Antigoni Zafeirakou, Scientific Coordinator for AUTH in the CARE SEA Project, Department of Civil Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki • Prof. Georgios Savvaidis, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki • Prof. Yiannis Xenidis, President of the Department of Civil Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki • Prof. Zisis Mallios, President of the Division of Hydraulics and Environmental Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	
09:45 – 10:05	Quasi-3D Modelling of Micro Plastics Advection and Dispersion in the Marine Environment	Prof. Theofanis Karambas, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
10:05 – 10:25	Integrated Monitoring Program for the Chorokhi River Mouth	<i>Joint team Georgia – Türkiye</i> Prof. Izolda Matchutadze, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia Prof. Kadir Seyhan, Karadeniz Technical University, Türkiye
10:25 – 10:45	Insights from the Danube Delta - Laboratory Techniques and Field Methods	<i>Joint team Romania – Moldova</i> Prof. Dmitri Dvornikov, University of Political and Economic European Studies "Constantin Stere", Moldova Dr. Cristina Despina, Danube Delta National Institute for Research and Development, Romania
10:45 – 11:15	Tea / Coffee break	

Collaborative Workshop on Tools, Methodologies and Best Practices for Tackling Microplastic Pollution in the Black Sea

11:15 – 11:30	From Thermaikos Gulf to the Black Sea: Model Applications in Different Study Areas	Assoc. Prof. Antigoni Zafeirakou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
11:30 – 11:45	Towards an EU Framework for Micropollutants: Microplastics and Wastewater Standards	Konstantinos Kotoulas - Evi Karabouyiouki, Wastewater Facilities Directorate, EYATH S.A.
11:45 – 12:00	Regional Waste Management and Its Role in Preventing Plastic and Microplastic Pollution	Regional Association of Solid Waste Management Agencies of Central Macedonia – FODSA Representative
12:00 – 12:15	Operational Practices for Marine Plastic Collection: Insights from North Aegean Slops	Konstantinos Zarifidis MEng, MSc, MBA, DIC, Technical & Compliance Manager, North Aegean Slops
12:15 – 12:30	Citizen Science and Awareness-Raising on Microplastics: Insights and Good Practices	Echedorou Physis Representative, NGO
12:30 – 13:00	Group Discussion	
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch	

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Study Visit to the Axios Delta Natura 2000 Protected Area

09:00 – 09:15	Meeting point: AUTH campus (morning). Transportation by bus
10:30 – 12:30	The visit offers participants the chance to explore the Axios Delta's unique ecosystems, examine microplastic pollution challenges in natural habitats, and link the CARE SEA project's objectives with on-site realities.
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch



BSU Batumi Shota Rustaveli
State University



KTU Karadeniz Technical
University



DDNI Danube Delta National
Institute for Research and
Development Tulcea



USPEE University of Political and
Economic Studies "C. Stere"



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