

**International Expert Conference on  
“The Safety of Navigation and Environmental Security in a  
Transboundary Context in the Black Sea Basin”**

Odessa Hotel  
6a Prymorska Street, UA 65026  
Odesa, Ukraine, 24-26 June 2008

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**AGENDA**

**Tuesday, 24 June 2008** (Odessa Hotel)

08.00 – 09.30 Registration – Odessa hotel

09.30 – 10.30 **Opening Session**

Welcoming remarks:

- **Mr. Volodymyr Rabotnyov**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of Ukraine
- **Mr. Dmytro Gurskyi**, Deputy Minister of Environment Protection of Ukraine
- **Ambassador Aleksi Härkönen**, Head of the Finnish OSCE Chairmanship Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland
- **Ambassador Lubomir Kopaj**, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine
- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Key note speakers on challenges for the safety of navigation and environmental security in the Black Sea Basin:

- **Professor Ahmet E. Kideys**, Executive Director, Permanent Secretariat, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution
- **Mr. Yevgen Koziy**, Executive Manager, Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee/Tea break

11.00 – 13.00 **Plenary Session I: How to enhance the safety of navigation:**

**national navigation rules and practices in the Black Sea Basin –  
organization of vessel traffic on maritime waterways**

**Moderator:** Mrs. Krasimira Martinova, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transport and Communications of Bulgaria

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Yurii Tokarski, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the OSCE

**Speakers:**

- **Mr. Victor Nechitaylo**, Head, Safety of Navigation Department, State Enterprise “Ukrrihflot“
- **Mr. Ömer Özcan**, Head, Navigation Safety Department, Undersecretariat for Maritime Affairs, Turkey
- **Capt. Valerian Imnaishvili**, Head, Office of the Division of Vessel Registration and Control of State Flag, Marine Transport Department of the United Transport Administration, Ministry of Economic Development, Georgia
- **Mr. Zlatko Kuzmanov**, Director, Information Services to Shipping, Search and Rescue, VTOPIS Pilot Team, Varna, Bulgaria
- **Mr. Eugen Olteanu**, Legal Advisor, Legal Department, Romanian Naval Authority

**Selected topics:**

- VTS Systems
- Pilot services
- Navigation safety
- National reports

**Discussion**

13.00 – 14.30                      Lunch break (Odessa Hotel)

14.30 – 16.00                      **Plenary Session II: Improvement of environmental security in the Black Sea Basin and national responses**

**Moderator:** Mr. Boris Aleksandrov, Director, Institute of the Biology of Southern Seas

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Raul Daussa, Environmental Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)

**Speakers:**

- **Mr. Volodymyr Rabotnyov**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of Ukraine
- **Ms. Nino Tkhilava**, Black Sea Commissioner, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia
- **Mr. Cem Orkun Kirac**, Engineer and **Mr. Turgay Buyuran**, Assistant Expert, Undersecretariat for Maritime Affairs, Turkey
- **Mr. Silviu Matei**, Chief, Hydrological Marine Department, Romanian Waters Dobrogea Littoral Department, Constanta county

- **Mr. Viacheslav Berdnikov**, Head of Environmental Division, Novorossiysk Maritime Port Administration, Russian Federation

#### **Selected topics:**

- Impact of navigation on environmental security
- Transboundary aspects of environmental security in the Black Sea Basin
- Pollution from oil spills and other hazardous substances
- Invasive species
- Sensitive eco-systems
- National reports

#### **Discussion**

16.00 – 16.30            Coffee/Tea break

16.30 – 18.30            **Plenary Session III: International and regional frameworks for co-operation to improve the safety of navigation and environmental security in the Black Sea Basin – legal instruments**

**Moderator:** Mr. Marc Baltes, Senior Adviser, OCEEA

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Gabriel Leonte, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OCEEA

#### **Speakers:**

- **Mr. Wiek Schrage**, Secretary of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (also on behalf of the Water Convention), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- **Professor Ahmet E. Kideys**, Executive Director, Permanent Secretariat, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution on “*The regional framework for the protection of the Black Sea environment*”
- **Mr. Dumitru Dorogan**, DG Environment, Protection of Water and Marine Environment Unit, European Commission
- **Dr. Borys Babin**, Lecturer, Department for Constitutional and International Law, Donetsk Law Institute, Ukraine

#### **Selected topics:**

- Relevant International Conventions
- Existing cooperation frameworks
- Needs and future priorities

#### **Discussion**

**18.30                            Reception hosted by the Government of Ukraine (Odessa Hotel)**

**Wednesday, 25 June 2008**

(Kryms'ka Strila ferry)

**08.30 – 09.00                      Boarding, departure from Odessa Hotel**

**09.00 – 10.30                      Parallel Working Groups**

**Working Group I: Search and rescue regional cooperation**

**Moderator:** Mr. Ivaylo Valev, Head, CIS/Eastern Europe region, Technical Co-operation Division, International Maritime Organisation (IMO)

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Sergey Kostelyanyets, Assistant, OCEEA

**Panelists:** national focal points for searching and rescuing activities in the Black Sea Basin

- Mr. Vadim Boltrochuk, Head, State Maritime Rescue Coordination, Ukraine, and Mr. Dmitriy Ukrainets, Head, Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre in Odesa, Ministry for Emergency Situations, Ukraine
- Capt. Adrian Alexe, Director, Maritime Coordination Centre, Romanian Naval Authority
- Mr. Victor Chernov, Head of MRCC, Novorossiysk Maritime Port Administration, Russian Federation

**Selected topics:**

- Assessment of the current situation in the Black Sea Basin
- Prospects for improved cooperation and coordination between Black Sea Basin countries

**Discussion**

**Working Group II: Ballast water management in the Black Sea Basin – implementation of the IMO International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (February 2004)**

**Moderator:** Dr. Jose Matheickal, Chief Technical Advisor, Global Ballast Water Management Programme, Marine Environment Division, IMO

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Gabriel Leonte, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OCEEA

**Panelists:**

- Professor Ahmet E. Kideys, Executive Director, Permanent Secretariat, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution on “*Ballast water management in the Black Sea Basin*”
- Dr. Stephan Gollasch, Consultant, GoConsult Hamburg, Germany on “*Scientific Aspects of Ballast Water Sampling*”
- Mr. Viacheslav Berdnikov, Head of Environmental Division, Novorossiysk Maritime Port Administration, Russian Federation
- Mr. Boris Aleksandrov, Director, Institute of the Biology of Southern Seas, Ukraine

### **Selected topics:**

- Global perspectives and management options currently available
- Assessment of the current situation in the Black Sea Basin
- The need for enhanced harmonization at the regional level with regard to the management of ballast water
- Concrete recommendations to improve the current situation and to sustain the regional and inter-regional cooperation efforts

### **Discussion**

10.30 – 11.00                      Coffee/Tea break

### **11.00 – 12.30                      Parallel Working Groups**

**Working Group III: The role of adequate waste management facilities and rules in Black Sea ports enhancing safety, human health and the protection of the maritime ecosystem – towards greater harmonization**

**Moderator:** Ms. Monika Stankiewicz, Professional Secretary, HELCOM

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Sergej Kostelyanyets, Assistant, OCEEA

### **Panelists:**

- **Mr. Nikolay Golubyatnikov**, Chief State Health Inspector, Central Sanitary and Epidemiological Inspection of Ukraine, and representative of Black and Azov Seas Ports Association (BASPA), Ukraine
- **Capt. Kjell Landin**, Chairman, Oil Spill Preparedness Regional Initiative (OSPRI) on *“An operator’s view on waste management facilities in the Black Sea”*

### **Selected topics:**

- Assessment of the current situation in the Black Sea Basin
- Prospects for the establishment of a unified waste management system at regional level
- The need to raise awareness of all stakeholders on the applicable rules

### **Discussion**

## **Working Group IV: Ecological monitoring and risk assessment – current practices and prospects for increased co-operation**

**Moderator:** **Dr. Violeta Velikova**, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Permanent Secretariat, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution

**Rapporteur:** **Mr. Raul Daussa**, Environmental Programme Officer, OCEEA

### **Panelists:**

- **Dr. Davide Vignati**, Italian Water Research Institute (IRSA-CNR), Italy on *"The importance of environmental realism in 21<sup>st</sup> century ecological monitoring and risk assessment"*
- **Ms. Anastasia Tarasenko**, Associate researcher, Odesa National University, Black Sea International Shipowners Association (BINSIA), Ukraine
- **Mr. Aleksandr Vasenko**, Deputy Director of Research Institute for Environmental Problems, Ukraine
- **Ms. Olesya Valevska**, Lecturer, Department of Commerce and Ecology, Donetsk Law Institute, Ukraine on *"Development of the regional elements of international environmental protection in the Azov and Black Sea basins"*

### **Selected topics:**

- Assessment of the current situation in the Black Sea Basin
- The need to raise awareness of all stakeholders on the applicable rules

### **Discussion**

**12.30 – 14.00**            **Visit to a Vessel Traffic Centre, Kiliya district, Odesa region**

14.00 – 15.30            Lunch break (Kryms'ka Strila ferry)

**15.30 – 17.30**            **Parallel Working Groups**

## **Working Group V: Regional co-operation towards oil pollution prevention, preparedness and response**

**Moderator:** **Mr. John Ostergaard**, Director, The Oil Spill Training Company Ltd., Inverness, U.K.

**Rapporteur:** **Mr. Roel Janssens**, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OCEEA

### **Panelists:**

- **Mr. Kari Lampela**, Senior Engineer, Finnish Environment Institute on *"The role of international cooperation in marine oil spill response in Finland and Baltic Sea States"*

- **Cdr. Guido Ferraro di Silvi e Castiglione**, Joint Research Centre, Institute for Protection and Security of the Citizen, European Commission (EC) on “*Monitoring sea-based oil pollution in the Black Sea: JRC activities and the MONRUK Project*”

**Selected topics:**

- Status of implementation of relevant legal instruments and of the regional contingency plan
- Need for strengthening the implementation of the contingency plan
- Need to enhance response capacity

**Discussion**

**Working Group VI: River basin cooperation towards ensuring the safety of inland waterways navigation**

**Moderator: Mr. Pjotr Suvorov**, Deputy Director General, Danube Commission

**Rapporteur: Mr. Raul Daussa**, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OCEEA

**Panelists:**

- **Ms. Azhar Jaimurzina**, Economic Affairs Officer, Inland Waterway Transport, UNECE Transport Division on “*Pan-European context for the River basin cooperation*”
- **Mr. Pavle Galic**, Assistant Minister for Inland Waterways Transport, Ministry for Infrastructure, Serbia

**Selected topics:**

- River Information Systems (RIS) and safety of inland waterways navigation
- Transboundary co-operation - regional experiences
- Promoting co-operation and coordination between local and international actors and between various stakeholders

**Discussion**

**18.30 Dinner hosted by the Government of Ukraine (Odessa Hotel)**

**Thursday, 26 June 2008**

(Kryms'ka Strila ferry)

**08.30 – 09.00                      Boarding, departure from Odessa Hotel**

**09.00 – 10.30                      Parallel Working Groups**

**Working Group VII: Regional co-operation on preventing pollution from other harmful and noxious substances – preparedness and response**

**Moderator:**    **Capt. Kjell Landin**, Chairman, OSPRI

**Rapporteur:**   **Mr. Sergey Kostelyanyets**, Assistant, OCEEA

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Chris Smith**, Economic Affairs Officer, UNECE Transport Division, ADN Convention on Transport of Dangerous Goods on Inland Waterways
- **Dr. Violeta Velikova**, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Permanent Secretariat, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution

**Selected topics:**

- Status of implementation of relevant legal instruments
- Needs assessment of the possible impact of harmful and noxious substances
- Prospects for the development of national and regional contingency plans
- Need to improve response capacity

**Discussion**

**Working Group VIII: River basin cooperation towards ensuring environmental security on inland waterways**

**Moderator:** **Ms. Birgit Vogel**, Technical Expert for River Basin Management, Commission on the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)

**Rapporteur:** **Mr. Gabriel Leonte**, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OCEEA

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Harald Kutzenberger**, Secretary General, International Association for Danube Research (IAD) on “*Global threats and local impacts in the Danube and Black Sea region – on the way to sustainable development*”
- **Dr. Cristina Sandu**, Vice President, ENVIRES IAD Romania, on “*Impact of environmental changes on aquatic ecosystems in the lower Danube river basin*”
- **Mr. Victor Morozov**, Director, Danube Hydro-meteorological Observatory

**Selected topics:**



- Inland waterways co-operation regarding environmental issues
- Transboundary co-operation - regional experiences
- Promoting co-operation and coordination between local and international actors and between various stakeholders
- The environmental impact of the development of navigable waterways

## **Discussion**

10.30 – 11.00            Coffee/Tea break

**11.00 – 13.30            Visiting the Vessel Traffic Centre in the town of Ochakiv**

13.30 – 14.30            Lunch break (Kryms'ka Strila ferry)

14.30 – 16.00            **Plenary Session IV: Towards regionally harmonized systems to improve navigation safety, environmental security and response capacity**

**Moderator:**    **Mr. Aleksandr Vasenko**, Deputy Director, Research Institute for Environmental Problems, Ukraine

**Rapporteur:**    **Mr. Roel Janssens**, Economic and Environmental Adviser, OCEEA

## **Speakers:**

- **Ms. Monika Stankiewicz**, Professional Secretary, HELCOM
- **Mr. Zlatko Kuzmanov**, Director, Information Services to Shipping, Search and Rescue, VTOPIS Pilot Team, Varna, Bulgaria
- **Mr. Nazir Mamedov**, Expert, IGC TRACECA

## **Selected topics:**

- Regional perspectives and need to further strengthen harmonization
- Automatic Identification System (AIS)
- Vessel Traffic Oil Pollution Information System (VTOPIS)

## **Discussion**

16.00 – 16.30            **Disembarkment**

16.30 – 17.30            **Conclusions (Odessa Hotel)**

**Moderator:** **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Rapporteur:** **Mr. Yurii Tokarski**, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the OSCE

**Speakers:**

- Brief reports by moderators

**Discussion**

17.30 – 18.15                    **Closing Session – open to the press**

**Closing remarks:**

- **Mr. Victor Sudarev**, Deputy Director, Maritime and Sea Transport Department, Ministry of Transport and Communications of Ukraine
- **Mr. Petro Khlytsov**, Deputy Head, Odesa Regional State Administration
- **Ambassador Aleksi Härkönen**, Head of the Finnish OSCE Chairmanship Taskforce, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland
- **Mr. Bernard Snoy**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**18.15                    Press Conference (Odessa Hotel)**

**19.00                    Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (bus transfers from Odessa Hotel)**