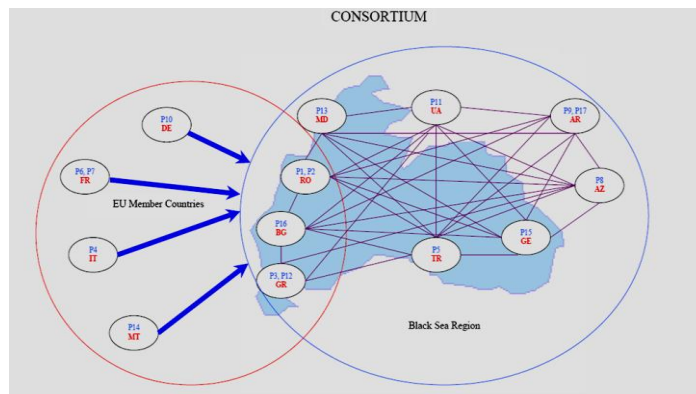


# BS-ERA.NET

## 1. Project presentation

The general objective of BS-ERA.NET project was to develop and strengthen the coordination of public research programmes conducted at national and regional level, which target a group of countries from the extended Black Sea region. The project has provided a framework to network and mutually open national and regional research programmes, leading to concrete cooperation in the frame of a Black Sea Research Programme (BSRP) conducting to the development and implementation of joint programmes and activities in the region.

The BS-ERA.NET project was implemented by a **Consortium formed by 17 partners from 13 countries**.



Specifically, the project has defined five major sub-objectives, implemented through the different WPs, namely:

- **Reducing the fragmentation** of the European Research Area (ERA);
- Enhancing research cooperation in Europe by fostering **integration of Black Sea Region** into the ERA;
- Enhancing the **complementarity** and **synergy** between the FPs and activities carried out in the framework of intergovernmental structures;
- **Extending** and **adding value** to the existing science and technology co-operations and **to develop** a multilateral cooperation in the region;
- **Improving** interregional research cooperation;
- **Contributing** to the EU-BS cooperation in science and technology

## 2. Main Results

- **Launching and Implementing** of an **Pilot Joint Call** on a specific priority;
- **Elaboration of the Black Sea Research Programme (BSRP)**;
- **BS-ERA.NET Position Paper** on RTDI cooperation in BS region which will consist of a regional report for RTD priorities for the sustainable development of the BSR cooperation.

## 3. Impact of the results in scientific community

Within the BS-ERA.Net project was organized a Pilot Join Call in 2010. Clear procedures for application, evaluation and selection were put in place. 66 projects were submitted, 56 were eligible and **11 projects were selected and funded**. The group of funding countries is formed by: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Romania, Greece and Bulgaria. An external evaluator carried out a monitoring report of PJC process. The projects are in implementation phase,

starting from 2011. At the Final Conference organized in Bucharest during 11-12 December almost all the projects were presented by project's coordinator or a project's partner.

The core deliverable achieved by the project's partners is **Black Sea Research Programme (BSRP)**. The BSRP represents a complex instrument which develops common strategic activities based on priority fields and the mutual complementarities identified between the national programmes of the partners. BSRP was aligned with the current BSEC Action Plan on S&T. A Joint Task Force (BSEC WG on S&T and BS-ERA.NET) was established in order to explore the possible synergies and make proposals accordingly.

Partners meeting in Bonn, 11 October 2012



Final Conference, Bucharest 10 December 2012



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