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On the occasion of celebrating the International Danube Day, Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN) together with Harsova City Hall, is organizing a Hackathon event on the theme of "Blue Growth", between June 29 and 30, 2021.

The event is organized online, as part of the project: Black Sea CONNECT – Coordination of marine and maritime research and innovation in the Black Sea, financed through the Horizon 2020, program.

The competition aims to facilitate a synergistic creative process for identifying some new directions of local and regional development by capitalizing the opportunities offered by the "Blue Growth" initiative.

36 students from prestigious universities such as "Vasile Alecsandri" University of Bacau, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați and "Ovidius" University of Constanța will attend the competition.

Following an information session for students on issues related to the Hackathon unfolding, it was agreed to form 6 competition teams.

On June 29, 2021, starting at 11.00 Romanian time, local authorities and representatives of international organizations will give lectures.

H.E. Amb. Michael CHRISTIDES, Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC) will attend the opening ceremony of the event as a guest of honour.

The official start of the Hackathon will take place on June 29, 2021, at 12.00 Romanian Time and will end on June 30, 2021, at 12.00. Starting with 13.00, the competitors will present their projects in front of the evaluation panel, composed of specialists in the field of "Blue Growth".

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