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On 5th of October, 2021, took place the International Conference “Education for Blue Growth”, event organized by the Black Sea Universities Network in collaboration with the EU4Ocean-Network of European Blue School and Harsova City Hall.

The event was dedicated to the World Teachers` Day which is an official day declared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in order to emphasize the status of the teachers in the society and is celebrated annually, since 1994.

The Conference was organized in a hybrid format, with physical presence at Harsova City Hall Premises and online, via ZOOM Platform.

The organization of the event was ensured by Harsova City Hall, with the contribution of teachers from the Theoretical High School “Ioan Cotovu” located in Harsova, under the coordination of Prof. Elena Manea, Director of Theoretical High School “Ioan Cotovu”. On behalf of the Black Sea Universities Network – International Permanent Secretariat, the event was organized by Ms. Andreea-Iuliana Presura, expert in interuniversity cooperation.

The event was attended by teachers from Romania, Greece and Azerbaijan, addressing aspects related to education in the current context and its in the society.

In the opening of the event, Mr. Viorel Ionescu, Mayor of Harsova City Hall welcomed the organization of the event, highlighting the fact that such events became a tradition in Harsova. On this occasion, Mr. Ionescu awarded esteemed retired teachers with a vast experience in the sector of education: Prof. Silvia Bujenita, Prof. Lucretia Aldea and Prof. Dorina Micu.

Prof. dr. Lucian Ciolan, Vice-Rector of University of Bucharest, presented the interest of the university in developing collaborations and supporting teachers from all over the country and especially, supporting the activities dedicated to the

“Blue Growth” initiative, mentioning the existing experience within the university and the research centers along the Danube, Danube Delta and Black Sea.

Prof. Laura Popa, Biology Inspector within the Constanta County School Inspectorate, presented the concern of the institution for supporting the teachers in the development of different projects in different field of interest and highlighted the results obtained under the frame of the Collaboration Protocol with BSUN IPS in promoting the European Blue Schools initiative.

As a special guest, Prof. Chrysi Laspidou, University of Thessaly Greece, Vice-President of Water Europe, presented the ARSINOE project, funded by the European Commission, which started on 1st of October, 2021 and will be implemented for a period of four years, aiming to develop new and innovative approaches for strengthening communities` resilience to climate change.

A group of teachers and students from the Theoretical High School “Ioan Cotovu” presented the project “Danube. An oasis of peace- Shape your future, little waves make a big ocean!” which will be implemented during the 2021-2022 school year for the application of receiving the European Blue School certification.

Prof. dr. Eden Mamut presented the context in which the Istro-Dobro-Pontica project was initiated, as a large-scale demonstration project that includes the following 3 axes:

- Certification of an Istro-Dobro-Pontica Cultural Route within the program initiated by the Council of Europe for the certification of European Cultural Routes;
- Development of an European Center for Science and Culture in Harsova, Romania;
- Development of a community of institutions and organizations for collaborating in the promotion of Sustainable Development initiatives in coastal area or related to rivers and other watersheds.

As a final remark of the event, Prof. Alexandru Dogaru presented a series of reference moments in the history of education in the City of Harsova, highlighting the contributions of Prof. Ioan Cotovu.

On behalf of Constanta Didactic Corp House, the event was attended by Prof. Narciz Amza.