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# BLUE GROWTH IN THE BLACK SEA



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SYSTEMS



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DYNAMICS



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TRANSPORTATION

# Blue Growth Hackathon

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# The Blue Growth Hackathon`s Guidelines

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## Step 1: Presentation of challenges

The Blue Growth Hackathon is an around-the-clock (24-hour) event bringing together teams of students that compete against one another to develop innovative solutions to address the fundamental Black Sea Challenges related to the Black Sea Blue Growth Initiative`s Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda included in the four main pillars.

During the first stage of the hackathon, on 29<sup>th</sup> of June, 2021, starting at 11.00 Athens time (EEST) until 12.00 Athens time (EEST), the program will include presentations on behalf of authorities and invited keynote speakers.

The theme of the competition will be presented as well as the focused challenges. Challenges will be specific in order for the participants to be able to generate concrete and functional solutions.

**All team members should be present during the event (via online connection).** The work program and communication has to be hosted on the official web platform of the Hackathon.

**The Agenda for the 2 days event will be circulated among the participants in due time.**

## Step 2: Team formation

This stage can take up to 30 minutes. The procedures below can be followed for the formulation of the teams:

A. Participants are free to form groups



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B. Participants who may have an idea could have 2 min in their disposal so as to shortly presented it. After that the rest of the participants may express their interest in formulating a team.

The teams should not exceed 7 people.

The teams of students will work via ZOOM Platform.

### **Step 3: Idea formulation**

During this stage the participants formulate their ideas.

At this stage the participants will benefit of mentoring sessions for discussions and exchange of ideas, in order to find concrete solutions for the presented challenges. The Hackathon Coordination Team staff will be involved in coaching participants throughout the development phase.

Due to the fact that the process will be on-line, the participants will be provided with the list of all mentors, their qualities and emails available. The teams based on their needs may arrange a meeting at a specific time, with a certain mentor.

No development may start before the opening date and time of the Blue Growth Hackathon.

A team can submit only one project for the hackathon.

All teams shall have a team name.

The creative part ends the next day (June 30) at 12:00 Athens time (EEST).

### **Step 5: Competition part**

The competition part starts at 13:00 Athens time (EEST), on June 30, 2021. Each team will have approximately 15 minutes to present its idea.



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In order to ensure that all groups have a uniform presentation, a presentation template will be given in advance.

The judging session will take place in the final part of the Hackathon.

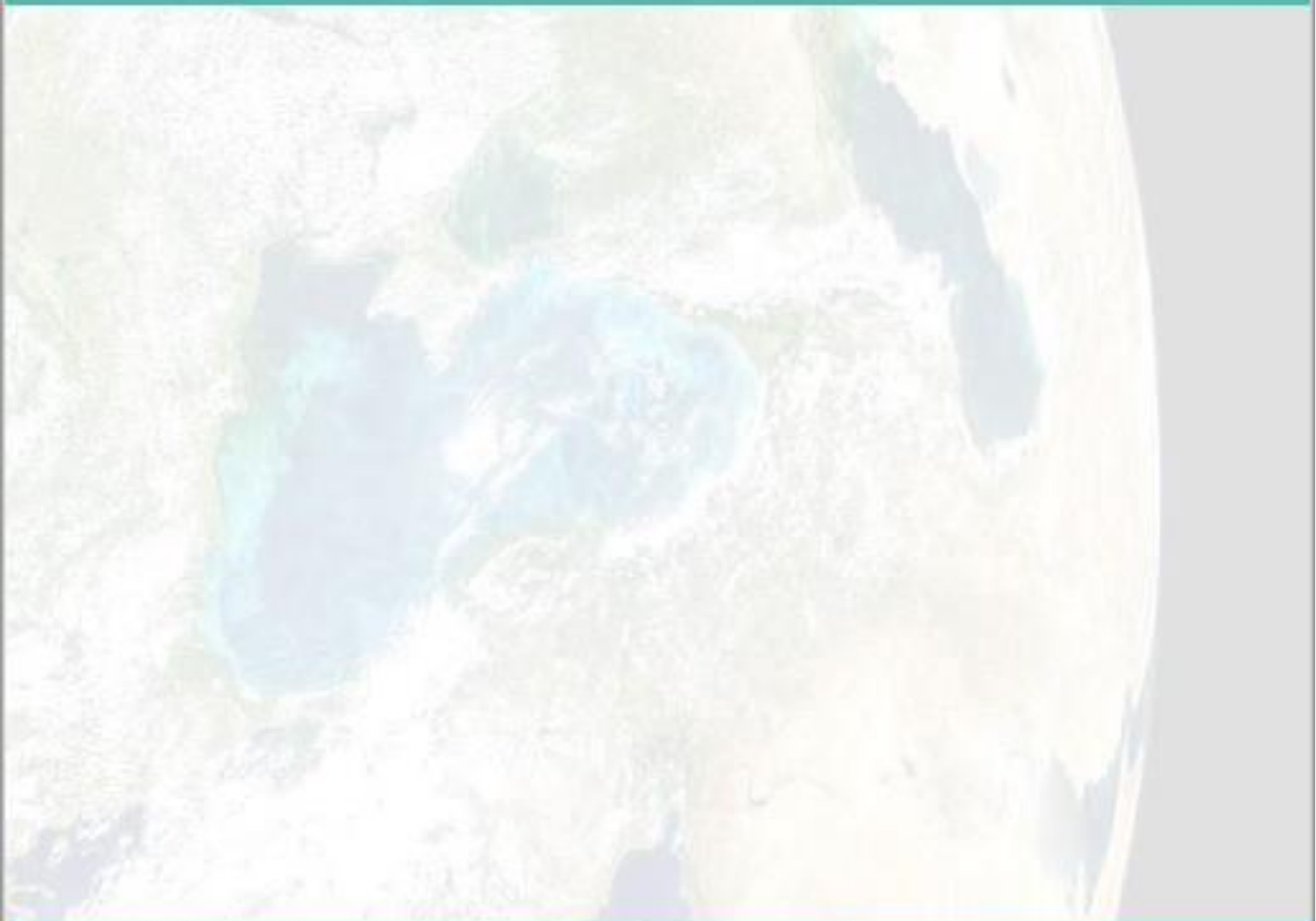
The projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Originality / Innovation;
- Added-value to SRIA;
- Completeness of the presentation;
- Idea`s sufficiency;
- Sustainability of the project.

As for the jury they will receive a judge sheet which will include the evaluation criteria. The evaluation will be done on a scale from 1 to 10.



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