

## **MoreAdaptBSB Knowledge Exchange Group Meeting in Burgas: Strengthening Cooperation for Climate Resilience in the Black Sea Region**

The Knowledge Exchange Group Meeting of the project “MoreAdaptBSB – Less vulnerability, more adaptability” was successfully held from 1 to 3 April 2026 in Burgas, Bulgaria, hosted by Via Pontica Foundation.

The meeting brought together project partners, scientists, policy-makers, and regional stakeholders from across the Black Sea region, aiming to enhance cooperation and knowledge exchange on addressing climate change challenges.

The initiative is implemented under the Interreg VI-B NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme, focusing on strengthening cross-border cooperation for ecosystem restoration and climate resilience in coastal and urban areas.



### **Meeting Sessions: Project Progress & Technical Collaboration**

The first day of the meeting focused on consortium discussions, presenting the project progress, the status of deliverables, and financial implementation.

- pilot activities implemented in partner cities

In addition, discussions addressed communication and dissemination activities, policy uptake, and the sustainability of project results beyond the project's lifetime.

The day concluded with a networking event, fostering stronger collaboration among partners.

### **Thematic Sessions: From Data to Decision-Making**



The second day opened with presentations on the MoreAdaptBSB project and the remote sensing-based methodology for assessing the resilience and vulnerability of coastal and urban areas.

A central highlight was the knowledge exchange session titled:

**“From Model to Policy: Integrating remote monitoring methods and Nature-Based Solutions into strategic planning at local and regional levels.”**

This was followed by practical examples from municipalities, showcasing:

- integration of climate considerations into decision-making

Particular interest was drawn to the interactive discussion:

**“From Data to Decision-Making”**, which explored how remote sensing tools and climate data can better support local and regional governance.

The day concluded with a brainstorming session focused on Nature-Based Solutions for restoring urban and coastal green spaces and enhancing climate resilience.

### **Study Visit: Primorsko Pilot Site**



On the third day, participants took part in a field visit to the Primorsko pilot site, where they:

- discussed the feasibility of proposed interventions

- engaged with local experts and authorities

The visit also included a tour of coastal and natural landmarks, highlighting the strong link between environmental protection, local development, and cultural identity.

### **Conclusions & Next Steps**

The Burgas meeting marked an important step in strengthening cooperation among partners and advancing innovative approaches to climate adaptation.

Participants reaffirmed their commitment to:

- integrating scientific data into policy-making
- promoting Nature-Based Solutions across the Black Sea region

### **About the Project**

🌀 The project “Less vulnerability, more adaptability – pilot remote sensing assisted restoration of green spaces in coastal and urban areas within the Black Sea region” (MoreAdaptBSB – BSB00479) is co-funded by the Interreg VI-B NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme.

Its objective is to promote Nature-Based Solutions, remote sensing tools, and knowledge exchange for environmental restoration in the Black Sea region, with pilot actions implemented in Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Ukraine, and Moldova.

The project has a duration of 30 months, running from 26 July 2024 to 25 January 2027, with a total budget of €1,594,728. Of this amount, €1,435,255.20 is funded by the European Union through the Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme.

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