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# ACTIVITIES REPORT OF CENOBS PROJECT

Presented by the Secretariat

**Issue:** Report of Activities of the CeNoBS<sup>1</sup> project (2019-2021)

## 1. Action requested

The Scientific Committee is invited to:

a) **note** the information provided in the Report of Activities of CeNoBS.

## 2. Background

[The CeNoBS project](#) was financed under the Call for proposals: "Marine Strategy Framework Directive - Second Cycle: Implementation of the new GES Decision and Programmes of Measures" and lasted from January 2019 until June 2021, with a total budget of 548 309 Euro. It was coordinated by Mare Nostrum and involved 10 partners from 2 EU member states (Romania and Bulgaria), 2 other Countries (Ukraine and Turkey) and the ACCOBAMS Secretariat.

Designed to improve the second cycle of MSFD implementation for Descriptor 1 –cetacean and Descriptor 11- noise in the Black Sea, CeNoBS directly supported the assessment of the extent to which GES for D1 and D11 had been achieved in the Black Sea region after the implementation of the 1st cycle of the MSFD and provided the Black Sea Members States with practical outcomes and means for cooperation to contribute to the next 6-year cycle of MSFD for both Descriptors, in particular for updating their monitoring programmes and their programmes of measures.

The main objectives of the project were:

- I. Assessing D1 cetaceans related criteria and establishment of thresholds values,
- II. Assessing and supporting the development of D11 monitoring in the Black Sea,
- III. Enhancing coordination among the Black Sea marine region through the dissemination of the project activities, results and outcomes.

The ACCOBAMS Secretariat was involved as a direct partner of the project in accordance with the project document and the provisions of the grant Agreement established between MARE NOSTRUM and the European Commission. In particular, ACCOBAMS acted as main responsible for the Activity 2.2 Assessment of cetacean populations distribution and abundance at the regional scale, which covered in 2019 the ASI/CeNoBS Black Sea aerial survey. ACCOBAMS also contributed to activities related to the assessment and monitoring of the Bycatch issue and the development of Noise Monitoring.

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<sup>1</sup> Support MSFD implementation in the Black Sea through establishing a regional monitoring system of cetaceans (D1) and noise monitoring (D11) for achieving GES