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WATER AND MARINE DIRECTORS MEETING
Sofia, Bulgaria 11-12 June 2018
EMD - Past, Present and Future

2008  BRUSSELS /Belgium
2009  ROME /Italy
      2010  GIJON /Spain
      2011  GDANSK /Poland
2012  GOTHENBURG /Sweden
2013  VALLETTA /Malta
      2014  BREMEN /Germany
      2015  PIRAEUS /Greece
2016  TURKU /Finland
2017  POOLE /United Kingdom
      2018  BURGAS /Bulgaria
      2019  LISBON /Portugal
EMD conference 2018 was organized by EC together with BG-presidency and the Municipality of Burgas.

- 18 stakeholders workshops
- A political opening with Ministers from Black Sea riparian states
- A high-level debate on "Black Sea Big Bang" – how to spur sustainable blue growth, generate investment and increase cooperation for an economic boom of the Black Sea region
- A session on how to facilitate access to EU funds for Blue Growth and Sea-basin-cooperation projects
The conference is the heart of the EMD, bringing together around 1,000 industry leaders and policy makers including ministers, EU Commissioners, MPs and MEPs, academics, scientists and maritime experts.

The conference themes address the EU’s Integrated Maritime Policy promoting economic growth, skills, technological innovation, environmental concerns and sustainability across Europe.

The conference addressed a broad palette of maritime issues such as the blue economy, maritime spatial planning, maritime security, surveillance and information exchange, marine research, innovation and technologies, sea basin cooperation and strategies.
EMD 2018 - main achievements

- To showcase cross-border cooperation around the Black sea for the benefit of the people and the environment
- A Declaration /Burgas Declaration/ towards a Common Maritime Agenda for the Black sea endorsed by the Ministers and representatives from the 6 Black sea countries and Moldova
- The Burgas Declaration is the basis for the endorsement of the Common agenda by 2019 during the Romanian Presidency
- Agreed vision paper for Research and Innovation in the Black sea.
Thank you for your attention!

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