

# ETHICS

**SCIENCE WITH INTEGRITY, FOR  
PEOPLE AND PLANET**

**RESPONSIBLE MARINE RESEARCH  
BUILDS TRUST—AND A RESILIENT  
BLACK SEA FUTURE**

## WHY IT MATTERS:

Ethics is the foundation for fair, transparent, and inclusive science that protects ecosystems, respects communities, and builds trust in marine research

### Embedding ethics in research from the start

- Responsible conduct guidelines: align with UNESCO and EU ethics codes across Black Sea marine institutions
- Whistleblower platform: enable anonymous reporting of unethical practices



### Putting people at the center

- Community consent first: ensure informed consent for data collection, traditional knowledge, and oral histories
- Conflict-resolution dialogues: balance economic and ecological priorities through stakeholder mediation

## CORE CHALLENGE:

Upholding ethical standards in marine research, balancing ecological protection, economic interests, and social justice across the Black Sea region



### Measuring long-term impact

- Science-based fishing quotas: advocate for sustainable harvest limits to protect fish stocks and local livelihoods
- Cumulative risk assessments: evaluate long-term ecosystem impacts before launching offshore drilling or aquaculture

### Transparent research, inclusive results

- Multilingual open access: share marine research in all Black Sea languages to reach communities, industries & policymakers
- Ethical corporate pledges: promote marine industry codes for sustainability, labour rights & environmental justice

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