



# Building Response Frameworks under existing and new Marine Pollution Challenges in the Black Sea (RESPONSE)



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RESPONSE aims to create and test innovative training programs for monitoring and managing marine pollution, focusing on conflict-induced pollution. The framework will be co-created with stakeholders, addressing various pollution types and their impacts on the Black Sea (BS). The project prioritizes environmental risks, engaging stakeholders to develop an effective, adaptable training scheme.

RESPONSE will continuously monitor and improve the framework, proposing operational models for authorities involved in marine pollution response. The project seeks to ensure long-term sustainability through Action Plans, promoting ongoing engagement, evaluation, and refinement beyond its duration.

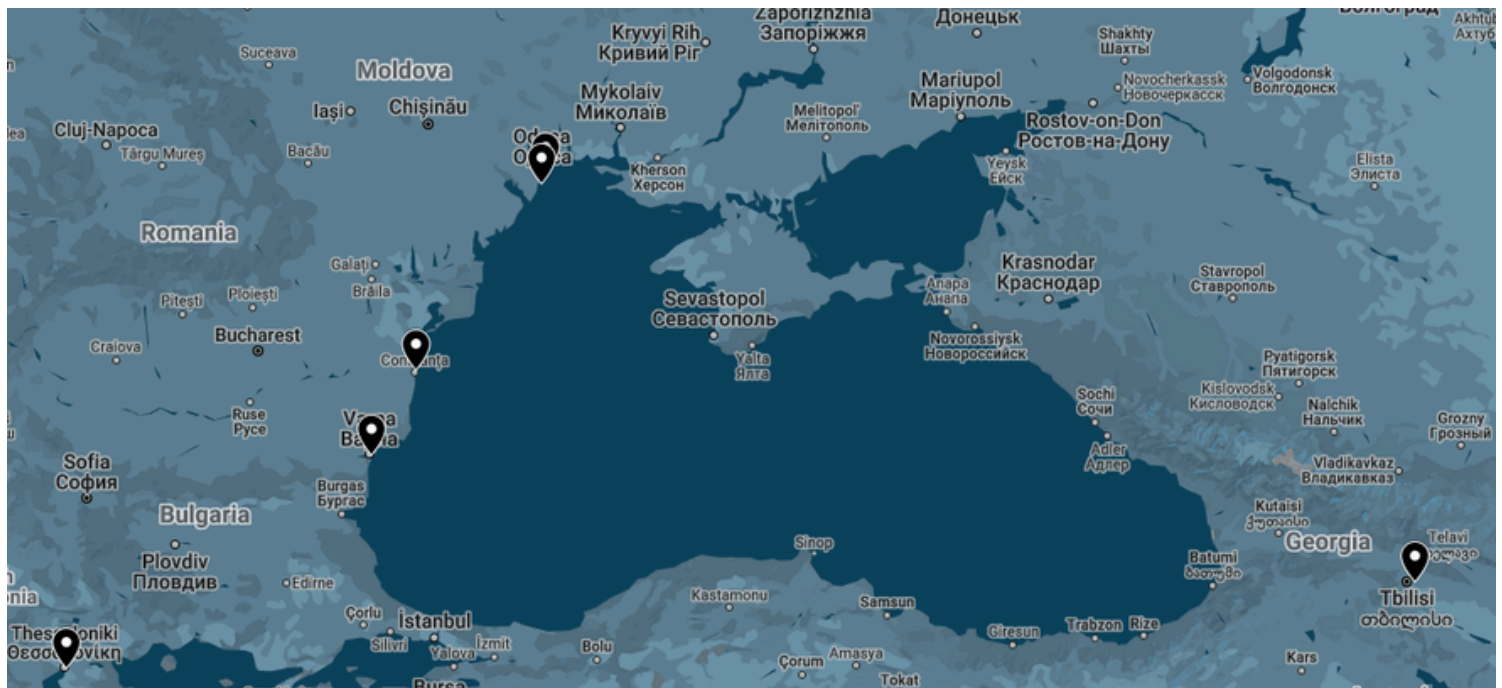
## Key objectives:

- Develop and test new training schemes and curricula for the monitoring, reporting, management and mitigation of marine pollution, with particular attention to pollution caused by armed conflicts.
- Identify and engage key stakeholders and key authorities/organizations.
- Provide tailored training schemes to key authorities/organizations which will be performed, but also updated, on a regular basis for a long period.

## Partnerships

6 partners from 5 different countries in Europe. The project partners include academic institutions, research and technology developers and nongovernmental organizations.

Greece (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – AUTH), Bulgaria (Black Sea NGO Network – BSNN), Romania (National Institute for Marine Research and Development “Grigore Antipa” – NIMRD), Ukraine (Institute of Market and Economic & Ecological Researches of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine – IMEER NASU; Black Sea Branch of Ukrainian Environmental Academy of Sciences – BSBUEAS), Georgia (Greens Movement of Georgia / Friends of the Earth – GMG/FoE).



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