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## Project's aims and results

The project aims to familiarize the broad BSB public with the conditions prevailing on the seabed, the current status of key benthic habitats and ecosystems, the level of marine litter pollution and the harm humans are doing on these vulnerable ecosystems.

EfxINNOs will develop and operate a novel, cost-effective, technologically-advanced, sustainable network of monitoring platforms, improving and expanding existing research infrastructures, serving the joint monitoring requirements of EU Policy Instruments and the Black Sea Integrated Monitoring Assessment Program (BSIMAP), linking the Black Sea and the North Aegean Sea. EfxINNOs will advance our current knowledge on marine ecosystems functioning, as well as on the impact of human stressors from land-based and maritime activities and is expected to fill the gaps in data collection, data harmonization and policy implementation among the BSB and the Med. The project will develop a consistent approach for the protection and restoration of the Black Sea ecosystems and underwater natural and cultural heritage. EfxINNOs will produce science-based policy tools to serve the directions set by the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution.

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Programme priority: Blue and Smart Region;

**Specific objective RSO1.1:** Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

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