

Press Release

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UNOPS to work with the World Bank to reduce pollution in the Black Sea

New project will help improve conditions in the Black Sea, in partnership with the Republic of Moldova, Georgia, Türkiye and Ukraine.

UNOPS will sign a new project with the World Bank, funded by the Global Environment Fund (GEF), to reduce pollution in the Black Sea. As part of this multi-national project, UNOPS will work in partnership with the Republic of Moldova, Georgia, Türkiye and Ukraine.

The project will help develop policy and investment recommendations, enhancing access to financial investment, and fostering innovation and technology in pollution management. A standout feature is the "Eco-Innovation Challenge," designed to identify and support pilot concepts through grants and an acceleration program.

UNOPS recognises the importance of adhering to stringent environmental and social standards to ensure integrity and sustainability of the project. The full package of Environmental and Social documents outlining UNOPS' commitment, developed alongside the World Bank can be found below:

- [Environmental and Social Management Framework](#)
- [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan](#)
- [Labour Management Plan](#)
- [Stakeholder Engagement Plan](#)

Katrin Lichtenberg, Senior Portfolio Manager, Water, Environment and Climate Portfolio, UNOPS, said:

"This collaboration with the World Bank, underpinned by the Global Environment Fund, marks a critical step to address pollution in the Black Sea and towards sustainable environmental management in the region."

"We are looking forward to working closely with our partners in Moldova, Georgia, Türkiye, and Ukraine to develop effective policy and investment strategies that promote innovation and technological advancements in pollution control."

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About World Bank

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