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The Municipality of Burgas has started the implementation of a project **“Digital Blue economy and innovation Acceleration Network” 101077599 — DBAN**, EMFAF 2014-2021. The Municipality of Burgas has started the implementation of the project 'Digital network for blue economy and promotion of Innovation' as the host of the initial partnership meeting in the initiative.

The project idea is based on the concept of creating a regional network to accelerate the blue growth – an ecosystem that supports existing and emerging businesses (startups) and initiatives in the sectors of the blue economy and is in sync with those set by the Municipality Burgas aims to promote innovation and digitization and build capacity for accelerating blue growth. The Municipality of Burgas is the leading partner and coordinator of the project and will implement it together with the partners - Southeast Digital Innovation Hub - Burgas, State Agrarian University - Odessa, Ukraine and Center for International Business and Economics - Tbilisi, Georgia. Within the framework of the project, a regional strategy of the Black Sea region for blue will be developed economy and smart specialization with local action plans. It is planned to develop digital training modules to increase the capacity of SMEs and entrepreneurs in the field of the blue economy and conduct hybrid (digital and face-to-face) training campaigns.



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