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## PRESS RELEASE

**Subject:** 3rd steering Committee of the project “Sailing across the Black Sea - SaBS” of Black Sea Basin (JOP Black Sea Basin) Programme.”

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2019 and at the premises of Alexandroupolis Port Authority it was carried out the 3rd steering Committee of the project “Sailing across the Black Sea - SaBS” of Black Sea Basin (JOP Black Sea Basin) Programme.”

Lead partner of the project is Alexandroupolis Port Authority. Other partners include Sport Fishing club “Glarus” from Port of Burgas (Bulgaria) and International Centre for Social Research and Policy Analysis from Batumi Georgia.

At the meeting were present the following officials of the 3 partners

- President and CEO of Alexandroupolis Port Authority, Mr Christos Doukas,
- Project manager Mr Chrtistos Gazepis,
- Financial Manager Mrs Aggeliki Tsolakidou,
- Project Manager of Glarus Mr Georgy Sabev,
- Glarus official Mr Yanko Yankov
- Glarus official Mr Milen Dimitrov,
- The Chairman of ICSRPA Dr George Ivaniashvili-Orbeliani

The SCM was attended also by the Executive Director of Port of Burgas Mr Dian Dimov, the Marketing manager of Port of Burgas Mr Stoicho Dimov, other representatives of the partners and of stakeholders (general public).

During the meeting it was discussed implementation progress from the beginning of the project (22/8/2018) until present, obstacles emerged and the future implementation strategy

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with ultimate goal the successful completion of the project. The Committee acknowledged the following:

- ❖ Implementation of the project so far follows in general terms the foreseen timetable,
- ❖ Obstacles emerged were successfully addressed without any significant impact on the implementation of the project
- ❖ Absorption of European funding is progressed as planned
- ❖ Major deliverables of the project concerning the construction of new float docks in the port of Alexandroupolis and the construction of a new eco-tourism boat in the port of Burgas are implemented fluently despite delays occurred to the issuance of new licenses. Both of the deliverables are expected during winter period of **2020**.

All attendees recognized the high level of cooperation and commitment relevant to grant awarded as well as the necessary efforts in order of successful completion of the project.

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