

Black Sea Conference 2026

Black Sea Region: Business Potential for Norwegian Aquaculture, Energy, Shipping and Logistics

Date: 14 October 2026

Time: 12:00 – 19:00

Venue: DLA Piper Law Firm, Bryggegata 6, 0250 Oslo, Aker Brygge

Moderator: Svein Stolpestad, Group Vice President, Jotun A/S

Program

12:00 Lunch & Registration of Participants

13:00 **Part 1: Black Sea Activities and Opportunities**

Welcome & Introduction of the Black Sea Region

By Kjetil Haare Johansen, Lawyer/Partner, DLA Piper Law Firm

By Ronny Solberg, Chair of the Board, EAST CCI of Norway

By Lars Børresen, Deputy Director, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Introduction to the Black Sea Region: Importance and Opportunities

By Christian Anton Smedshaug, Chief Economist, Landkreditt

The Middle Corridor Will Shape the Region.

Reflections from Country Representatives: How Will Business Evolve?

By Adil Tursunov, Ambassador, Embassy of Kazakhstan in Norway

By Elchin Ibadov, Chairperson of Türkiye-Norway Business Council,
Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK)

By Oleksiy Gavrysh, Ambassador, Embassy of Ukraine in Norway

By Paul Ciocoiu, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Romania in Norway

By Rakhmatulla Nurrimbetov, Ambassador, Embassy of Uzbekistan to Sweden

Panel: Reflections from Country Representatives - Business Development in the Black Sea Region

14:50 **Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony within the scope of
Türkiye-Norway Business Council**

EAST CCI of Norway – Foreign Economic Relations Board of Türkiye (DEİK)

By Ronny Solberg, Chair of the Board, EAST CCI of Norway & Elchin Ibadov,
Chairperson of Türkiye-Norway Business Council, Foreign Economic Relations Board
(DEİK)

15:00 **Coffee Break**

15:20 **Part 2: Black Sea Region: Experiences, Opportunities and Success Stories**

17:00

Presentations from companies and organizations with first-hand experience from operating, investing or developing business in the Black Sea region.

By Kaare Haahjem, Senior Client Executive, Eksportfinansiering Norge (Eksfin)

By Kjetil Haare Johansen, Lawyer/Partner, DLA Piper Law Firm

By Ole Christian Hole, Business Development Manager, AMOF Fjell Process Technology AS

By Felix H. Tschudi, Chairman/CEO, Tschudi Shipping Company AS

By Ronny Solberg, Chair of the Board, EAST CCI of Norway

Panel Discussion: From Experience to Future Opportunities

The panel will explore practical experiences and lessons learned from the region, with a focus on:

- Challenges and lessons learned
- Business opportunities
- Strategic positioning
- Critical success factors

Closing remarks

By Olga Larsen, General Manager, EAST CCI of Norway

17:00 **Part 3: Reception**

19:00

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