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- **Black Sea Commission** serves as Regional Sea Convention since 1992, promoting regional cooperation on marine and coastal environmental issues, *inter alia*, contributing to the proper marine assessments and coordination of efforts on data-bases with other RSCs and partners.
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- Since 2017 **MoU on the cooperation aimed at supporting the EMODnet Chemistry project** (in data uptake and validation of EMODnet results with regional experts), latest marine assessment used chemical data collected by EMODnet Chemistry Project.
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- Member of the **EMODnet Chemistry 3 consortium** and **'Board of MSFD experts'** to intensify the direct dialogue and interaction with Regional Sea Conventions (RSCs).
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- Established cooperation with **EMODnet Biology and EMODnet Human Activities** (feed our data bases with biological and socioeconomic data and to involve BS experts).
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- Feeding our **Black Sea Information System** administered by our Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Activity Center in Odessa, Ukraine and **need assistance of EMODnet in harmonizing it with MSFD requirements.**