

The Black Sea Basin - Laboratory for the common efforts for eradication of poverty

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International Black Sea Club (IBSC) is an international non-governmental organization, created in 1992 in Odessa, Ukraine, that brings together cities from the riparian states of the Black Sea Basin and its vicinity; IBSC was granted the observer status within the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization - BSEC and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations - ECOSOC.

IBSC is a managerial tool that creates connections between people and communities, acting as a non-profit legal entity and as a regional organization supporting the development and strengthening of business cooperation in the Black Sea region.

The main mission of the IBSC is to create a strong community with sustainable urban development, to promote the development of member cities in their evolution towards a high standard of living and to transform the Black Sea area into a dynamic region. Through its main mission, objectives and projects, the organization is constantly working to mobilize its members to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals indicators for the period 2015-2030, a document adopted at the United Nations General Assembly September 2015.

To increase efficiency and managerial performance, IBSC has created a "Business Council" consisting of business circles and representatives of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the member cities of the organization, a body that is a constructive tool for professional approach and efficient socio-economic cooperation.

In accomplishing its mission and priority objectives, the IBSC seeks to unite resources to find solutions to common issues related to the sustainable development of the community in the Black Sea Basin area by:

1. Making information and consultation available to all actors involved in the economic and social life of urban communities:

- Coordination, support for political dialogue and development of recommendations on economic, social and environmental issues that are specific to the organization's community;
- Facilitating the transfer of information and "lessons learned", exchange of good practice;
- Awareness of political management to ensure the inclusion, safety, resilience and sustainability of cities and peri urban settlements;

2. Reducing the effects and eradication of "severe" material deprivation by mobilizing the community to reach the indicators of:

- Maintaining the ecological balance of the Black Sea Basin area, developing sustainable urban communities;

- Promoting inclusive, sustainable economic growth and facilitating innovation, a guarantor of well-being and decent work for all community members;
- Initiating public policy projects to build an infrastructure that brings together the organization's partners and neighbouring regions;
- Ensuring affordable, safe, sustainable and modern utility facilities for the entire community;
- Participation in national and international projects with the main objective to optimize exploitation, to develop research and to strengthen the conservation of the Black Sea region;

3. Preventing and eradicating social exclusion through the implementation within the partner communities of measures aimed at:

- Increasing the labour market integration of people at risk and vulnerable through dedicated activation programs;
- Promoting the social inclusion of marginalized communities and communities;
- Improving the functionality of social services;
- Preserving elements of national and regional culture, developing intercultural exchanges.

4. Elaboration and implementation by the political management of each administrative unit of their own strategies, in line with international programmatic documents, which have as their primary objective the economic growth and the increase of labour value, instruments that will decisively contribute to the eradication of poverty with all its harmful effects.