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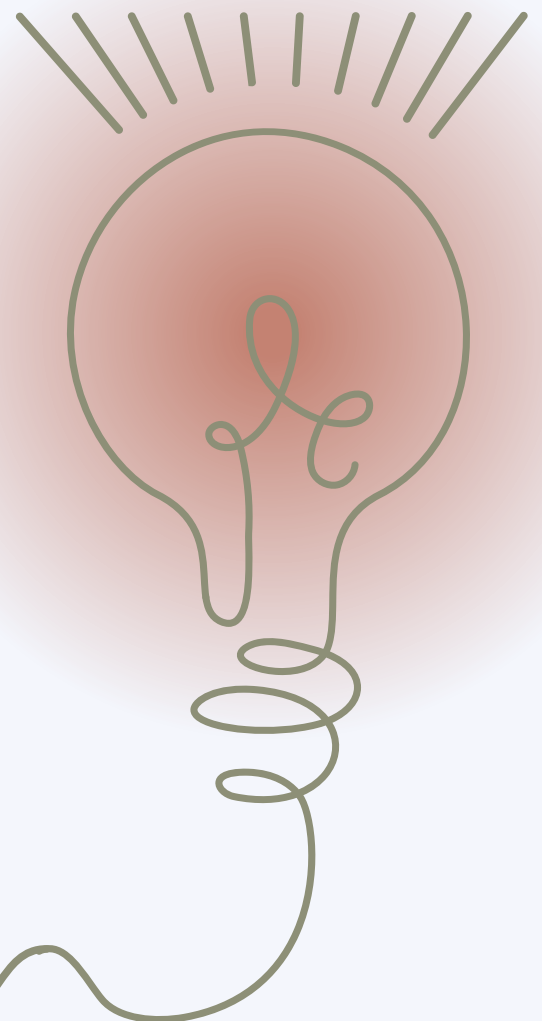
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UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Black Sea, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Youth Black Sea, and the Council of Young Scientists of the State Organization “Institute of Market and Economic & Ecological Researches of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine” invite young people to submit their innovative SDG solutions in the first edition of the Black Sea Youth Solutions Report.

*Submit your
proposal!*



BLACK SEA YOUTH SOLUTIONS REPORT

The Black Sea Youth Solutions Report aims to showcase promising innovative youth solutions for the implementation of the SDGs in the Black Sea Region.

Specifically, the Black Sea Youth Solutions Report:

- Provides young people with the opportunity to promote their research and innovative projects to a wide, regional, and international audience;
- Fosters new partnerships and identifies new fields of cooperation in scientific research and joint initiative;
- Empowers the youth community in the Black Sea region;
- Showcases innovative ideas for implementation to relevant stakeholders in the Black Sea countries (and worldwide);
- Attracts sponsors for the proposals and investors in the Black Sea region.



THEMATIC TRACKS

Blue Economy

- Shipbuilding and Repair
- Shipping and Port Services
- Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Marine Renewable Energy
- Tourism and Recreation
- Environment and Natural Resource Management
- Maritime Spatial Planning
- Research and Innovation



THEMATIC TRACKS

New Technologies

- Digital and Technological Applications
- Monitoring and low cost sensors



THEMATIC TRACKS

Modern Living

- Urban Sustainability
- Green and Blue Infrastructure
- Heat Island Effect
- Urban Floods
- Community Health & Wellbeing
- Citizen Participation & Society Engagement



THEMATIC TRACKS

Food and Agriculture

- Regenerative Agriculture
- Agriculture & Climate change adaptation
- Planetary Health Diet




WHAT IS A YOUTH-LED SOLUTION?


Youth-led solutions are transformative projects and endeavours, ranging from entrepreneurial ventures to educational programs, and include research activities, charity initiatives and so forth, that showcase the innovative approach that youth are taking in solving the multiple challenges of sustainable development.


In order for a proposal to be included in the Report, there are **seven eligibility criteria**. These criteria are going to be used by the Evaluation Committee of the Black Sea Youth Solutions Report for assessing the applications that were received.


 **Alignment to one (or more) of the 17 SDGs:** projects must be linked to one or more of the SDGs in order to qualify. For instance, if a project is working on women's empowerment in rural areas, it is most closely aligned with SDG 5 ("Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls") and as such, it fits this criterion.

 **Youth-led and illustrative of youth contribution to sustainable development:** the projects must be coordinated by or focused to people aged 18-40 and they must showcase the skills and creative mindset of the proponent(s). The Black Sea Youth Solutions Report tries to celebrate innovative, game-changing ideas which have the potential to build transformative change and shift the behavior of people, businesses and countries.


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 **Target audience, objectives and structure:** projects should have a well-structured time horizon, identified challenges and beneficiaries, and proposed outcomes that are reasonable and well thought out.

 **Environmental impact:** to be eligible, projects must have a positive environmental impact, bringing innovations which are capable of reducing carbon emissions, developing sustainable consumption and production patterns, reducing the loss of terrestrial or aquatic biodiversity, or more generally respecting the earth's planetary boundaries. Of course, not all projects will have a direct positive impact on the environment. It is necessary, however, that projects do not have an adverse effect on the environment.

 **Social impact:** to be eligible, projects must have a positive social impact, for example generating employment, eradicating poverty, or developing skills. Any improvement to quality of life at community level, through an international reach or by any interaction with youth is considered in this parameter. In addition, projects must aim to be inclusive and not to exacerbate existing inequalities.

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 **Impact measurement:** the impacts of projects must have been adequately measured and/or be measurable, and if possible should be aligned with the SDG indicator framework which monitors the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. For example, if a business has found an inspiring and innovative way to achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources in its operations, then chances are that it is not only aiming to meet Goal 12 (‘Ensure Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns’) and target 12.2, but that it has also introduced a way to measure this impact, Impact measurement is key to demonstrate the success of proposal and communicate it to others.

 **Scalability:** projects must have the potential to perform as well or better after expanding in scope or size and/or being transported to other regions. The Black Sea Youth Solutions Report looks at projects which might help other people in different parts of the region, beyond their immediate community.

PROCESS OF SUBMISSION AND REVIEW



All proposals must be submitted by **June 30, 2024**. The proposal must be in English. Proposals should be sent through the following form: <https://bit.ly/BlackSeaYouthSolutionsReport2024>



The received proposals are going to be evaluated by a Scientific Evaluation Committee consisting of professionals and experts on the topics. *The names of the members of the Evaluation Committee will be announced shortly.*



The results of the selection are expected to be announced to the participants between October-November 2024.



The Black Sea Youth Solutions Report is expected to be published by the end of the year.



Eligible countries:

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Turkiye, Ukraine

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