



## Background

In 2015 the UN General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this document, the heads of UN member states have committed their countries that: “Until [...] 2030, to end poverty and hunger everywhere; to combat inequalities within and among countries; to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies; to protect human rights and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls; and to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources. [...] also to create conditions for sustainable, inclusive and sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and decent work for all, taking into account different levels of national development and capacities.”

According to this document, “By 2030, [...] the signatory states have to [...] ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture’s contribution to sustainable development.”

Evidence-based policymaking refers to the idea that policy decisions must be based on, or informed by, objective evidence and/or scientific frameworks.

## Purpose

The event aims to offer a framework for free debates facilitating the exchange of ideas, best practices and knowledge in order to identify new directions to be followed for conceiving the policies addressing the implementation of SDGs in the Black Sea area by supporting the decision making process with objective evidence and/or scientific frameworks. The Conference is intended to offer a platform for dialogue and exchange of ideas between governmental agencies, Universities, NGOs and other various contributors from different disciplines.

## Participants

At the event, there will be invited members of Parliaments, Government officials, academics, students, experts in the field, Observers and Sectoral Dialogue Partners of BSEC member states, BSEC related bodies and other international organizations, journalists.