



**International Workshop on:
„Current Status and Perspectives in the
Field of Policies Addressing Social
Cohesion in the Black Sea Region”**



February 20th, 2018

**Human Rights Hall, Romanian Parliament Palace,
Bucharest, Romania**



Background

The Workshop on „Current Status and Perspectives in the Field of Policies Addressing Social Cohesion in the Black Sea Region” is organized by the Black Sea Universities Network in collaboration with the Delegation of the Romanian Parliament to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) and the Centre of Excellence for the Study of the Cross Border Minorities in the format of an open debate with international participation.

The event was motivated by the need that has been expressed more and more boldly in the society for re-launching the cooperation and for assuring a favourable climate for social cohesion in all areas of the society in order to bring closer different communities grouped on political, ethnic, regional or other interests. The complexity of the issues at the European and regional political scenes demonstrates the concerns that some actions could evolve, sometimes even by themselves towards confrontations, claims or even open conflicts. It is obvious that, more than ever, there is an imperious need for increasing the resilience of social systems both at local or national and at regional or European levels. In this respect, the exploration of cultural diversity, of the preservation of languages, traditions and customs of different communities could offer a vast field of opportunities.

From a conceptual point of view, considerable effort is needed both from the scientific community, experts, civil society, as well as from the legislative, executive and other institutions of the rule of law for developing a systemic and articulated approach to the problems related to the promotion of social cohesion for facilitating a climate of understanding, mutual respect and cooperation.

Purpose

The event aims to offer a framework for free debates facilitating the exchange of ideas and knowledge in order to identify new directions to be followed for conceiving the policies addressing social cohesion in the Black Sea area..

Participants

At the event, there were invited academics, students, members of parliament, representatives of local authorities, representatives of national minorities, experts in the field, ambassadors and representatives of diplomatic missions of BSEC member countries and other international organizations, journalists.



Tentative Program

Date: February 20th, 2018

Place: Human Rights Hall, Romanian Parliament Palace

- 09:00 Registration of participants and access to „Human Rights” Hall
- 09:30 Welcome Speeches
- Prof. dr. Asaf HAJIYEV, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation
- Roberta Alma ANASTASE, Head of the Delegation of the Romanian Parliament to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation
- Prof. Dr. Mircea DUMITRU, Rector, University of Bucharest
- Prof. Dr. Radu CARP, Director, Centre of Excellence for the Study of the Cross Border Minorities, University of Bucharest
- Prof. Dr. Eden Mamut, Secretary General, Black Sea Universities Network
- 10:00 Plenary Section on: *„Evolutions and Challenges on the Promotion of Social Cohesion in the Black Sea Region”*
- 11:30 Coffee-Break
- 12:00 Plenary Section on: *„25 Years from the Establishment of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation. Intensification of Cooperation in the field of Culture and Multiculturalism in the Black Sea Region”*
- 13:00 Lunch Break - Presentation of Traditional Food Products from Dobrogea and the Launching of the Trademark “Traditional Products from Dobrogea” organized by Mrs. Mariana GÂJU, mayor of Cumpăna Commune and Prime vice-President of the Association of Communes from Romania
- 15:00 Plenary Section on: *„2018 – The European Year of Cultural Heritage”*
- 16:30 Coffee-Break
- 17:00 Debates and Conclusions
- 17:30 Closing Ceremony