

CONCEPT

After the adoption of the global agenda on sustainable development and the commitment of the 193 countries to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all, the most important step is to take action and put into practice these commitments made in 2015. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) reflect the world in which all of us would like to live and their achievement will not be possible without everyone's engagement and support. As clearly stated by Goal 17 "Partnerships for the Goals", which aims at strengthening the means of implementation, the achievement of the SDGs must be complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships (effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships), that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, in all countries, in particular developing countries (targets 17.16 and 17.17)¹. These partnerships also support the awareness raising needed to promote and to advance the sustainable development global agenda, as well as the monitoring process of its implementation.

The new global agenda is also providing the strategic guidance for the development cooperation policies both at international and national level. For instance, the recently adopted European Consensus on Development represents a strategic framework for achieving the SDGs and introduces the main principles to be considered by the European Union and its member states in their allocations of the official development assistance (ODA) and cooperation with developing countries over the next 15 years².

This is the global and regional context shaping Romania's role in reaching the SDGs and providing support in this regard to its partner countries through the national ODA budget, as well as the background for our debates of the **10th edition of the Romanian Development Camp**. As an added value, the conclusions of our event will also provide recommendations on the policy priorities connected to the sustainable development agenda to be promoted during the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the first semester of 2019.

Having in mind this dynamic and challenging background, this year's anniversary edition aims at:

- Increasing the awareness and facilitating a national debate on the 2030 Agenda;
- Monitoring the current status of the implementation of the SDGs at national and international level;
- Assessing the most relevant challenges and opportunities in putting into practice the global agenda on sustainable development;
- Fostering the exchange of best practices on innovative projects within this global framework;

The Romanian Development Camp is an annual national event gathering representatives from national institutions, NGOs, media, private sector, academia in a unique space designed for an open and constructive dialogue. Over the years, the Romanian Development Camp has become a good practice in the region in terms of its role in supporting the informal consultation of the main national actors in development, resulting in a better coordination able to provide recommendations improving the national policy in this field.

¹ <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/11803Official-List-of-Proposed-SDG-Indicators.pdf>

² <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2017/05/19-european-consensus-on-development/>