

Jeffrey Sachs: “Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals - a complex and long-term challenge”



Between 4th and 5th of October 2019, it was organized the International Conference “Implementation of the UN 2030 SDGs in the Black Sea Region”. The Conference was held at the Romanian Parliament Palace, in Bucharest, Romania.

The event was organized by the Department of Sustainable Development of the Romanian Government, in collaboration with the Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN), the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and the Black Sea Chapter of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN Black Sea) and it was attended by the representatives of the following Member States: Romania, Moldova, Greece, Russian Federation, Armenia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Azerbaijan, Albania, Serbia and Turkey.

The first Plenary Session of the Conference entitled “European and Regional Issues concerning the implementation of UN 2030 Agenda” has started with the pleasant intervention of Prof. Jeffrey SACHS (Director of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network) with a live online speech, who expressed his vision concerning the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Prof. Sachs pointed that the SDGs are a complex challenge that can only be achieved if the entire society, including stakeholders and governments, accepts the transformation of the six key-areas: increasing the quality of education and the sustainability of research and innovation, changing our lifestyle, decarbonating the Energy Systems, sustainable land and water use, transforming the cities towards sustainability and improving the domain of information and digitalization.