

Enabling Green and Inclusive Entrepreneurs and Markets in the Black Sea Region



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The Black Sea Climate and Business Initiative (CLIMBIZ) is a regional partnership for action on sustainable development, initiated by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC), funded by the Austrian Development Cooperation and BSEC.

OPPORTUNITY

CLIMBIZ enables green and inclusive business opportunities that foster low carbon and climate change resilient development across the Black Sea region. CLIMBIZ profiles, supports and connects key stakeholder committed to move the region on a sustainable development pathway, such as policy makers, entrepreneurs, corporations, civil society, and the finance community.

MARKET

CLIMBIZ creates a marketplace for trading sustainable products and services, sharing experiences, matching needs and offerings, and bridging supply and demand of green and inclusive capital. This engagement platform of enablers, supporters and practitioners forms a regional lab where innovative business partnerships, practices and solutions for environmental sustainability and poverty reduction emerge.

ACCELERATION

The CLIMBIZ Challenge for Green and Inclusive Entrepreneurs is at the core of the CLIMBIZ Initiative. CLIMBIZ strengthens green and inclusive ventures that enhance climate change adaptation and mitigation at the local level, with a clear community benefit. CLIMBIZ connects them with leading companies, business angels and investors in order to scale and maximize their impact.

THE CLIMBIZ CHALLENGE 2013 – JOIN NOW!

The CLIMBIZ Challenge – implemented in partnership with the UNEP, UNDP and IUCN founded SEED Initiative – supports innovative small-scale and locally-driven entrepreneurships in the Black Sea region which integrate social and environmental benefits into their business model. The goal of the CLIMBIZ Challenge is to support these entrepreneurs to scale up and replicate their activities across the Black Sea region.

MAIN OBJECTIVE – MAXIMIZING IMPACT

CLIMBIZ Challengers are exceptional and inspiring examples of partnership-based, locally-driven, entrepreneurial approaches to sustainable development challenges. CLIMBIZ offers the Challengers a range of business services, support and networks including high level profiling, with government officials, development institutions, businesses and investors.

ACCELERATION PROGRAM

CLIMBIZ Challengers have the chance to participate in an innovative accelerator program. It enables participating ventures to significantly scale their social and environmental impact. The program comprises tailored capacity building workshops in Istanbul and Vienna, coaching and mentoring sessions, access to funders, networking with a wide range of stakeholders, and adherence to a growing community of social and environmental entrepreneurs in the Black Sea region.

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