

## **COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)**

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

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To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that International Centre for Sustainable Development (ICSD) reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,



Panakoulias Stefanos  
President

## Part II. Description of Actions

The International Centre for Sustainable Development during the past two years participated and organized several events. In all events and actions carried out in the framework described in its entirety supported the 10 key principles of commitment to the UN Global Compact.

For academic organizations:

- Providing technical advice and information to businesses, organizations, and institutions on sustainable development pillars (economy, society, environment)
- Conducting studies
- Participation in educational activities, training, and volunteering
- Organization of conferences, seminars, and workshops, as well as the publication and circulation of informative materials
- Development of actions for economic development, entrepreneurship, innovation, regional planning, social development, poverty reduction, support for vulnerable social groups, and utilization of cultural and natural resources for sustainable development
- Promotion of new forms of actions and collaborations in the field of entrepreneurship, leveraging modern ICT technologies for sustainable development
- Pursuit and promotion of a stable creative dialogue aimed at modernizing Greek economic, social, and political structures
- Collaboration with organizations

For civil society organizations:

- Implementation of community and national programs



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- Voluntary actions in collaboration with local authorities to protect vulnerable social groups
- Support actions for refugees and migrants and their social integration
- Protection of the natural, cultural, and anthropogenic environment within the framework of ecologically sustainable development
- Direct provision of humanitarian, food, and developmental aid to populations in developing countries, and actions contributing to the economic and social development of these countries
- Provision of Social Care services
- Establishment and operation of supported living shelters for people with disabilities, care structures, mental health units, and psychosocial rehabilitation units
- Child protection services and services for the elderly
- Collaboration with organizations

For cities:

- Have a dedicated sustainability plan or a holistic city/regional plan that incorporates the ecological, economic, political, and cultural dimensions of the region's sustainability
- Collaboration with organizations

For public sector organizations:

- Collaboration with organizations
- Implementation of activities of public interest and social nature
- Promotion of the European idea and European integration while preserving national specificities and traditions, convergence, and promotion of European consciousness
- Participation in Global Compact Local Networks

For business associations and labour organizations/trade unions:

- Collaboration with organizations

### Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Specifically for the first authority "Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights" held two events in Ioannina, and Arta with the participation of stakeholders in the region. Additionally ICSD is operating three Structures for Unaccompanied Refugees Minors.

For the second principle "Businesses should ensure they are not complicit in human rights abuses ", held one workshop with the participation of employers' bodies such as the chambers of the region.

For the 3rd topic "Businesses should uphold the freedom of union members and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining ", ICSD organized one meeting and participated in two meetings organized by the collective bodies.

For the fourth authority "Businesses should uphold the elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labor", ICSD organized and hosted two online workshops.

For the 5th topic "Businesses should uphold the effective abolition of child labor" the ICSD organized informative meeting with the participation of schools in the region.

For the 6th principle "Businesses should uphold the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation ", the ICSD participated in one workshop organized by civil society.

For the seventh principle "Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges ICSD, runs a nationally project with schools of Arta's region about recycling.

For the 8th top "Businesses should undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility", the ICSD has an Erasmus+ project "Our city our



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Nature” with collaboration with two schools from Ioannina and Finland, for environment protection.

For the 9th top "Businesses should encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies environment", the ICSD participated in a two online events.

For the 10th principle "Businesses should work against all forms of corruption, including extortion and bribery ", the ICSD organized one workshop in Ioannina and Ioannina where participants and public bodies.