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**e-Conference on:
“How will the World look like after the Pandemic?”**

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Invited Keynote Speakers:

Emil CONSTANTINESCU, President of Romania for the mandate 1996 – 2000

Prof. Jeffrey SACHS, Columbia University, USA

Ramu DAMODARAN, Director, UN Academic Impact, USA

Prof. Pericles MITKAS, President, Black Sea Universities Network, Greece

Prof. E. David MÉNDEZ, Rector, “Ana G. Méndez” University, Puerto Rico

Prof. Karin MARKIDES, President, American University in Armenia

Prof. Luciano SASO, Vice-Rector, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

László BORBÉLY, State Counsellor, Romanian Government

Moderator: Prof. Eden MAMUT, Secretary General, Black Sea Universities Network

Motivation

In the context of the global spread of SARS CoV2 virus, day-to-day activities in many areas have been suspended or moved to the electronic sphere. Despite pessimistic predictions about the duration of the pandemics, life should not stop. We need to adapt to the new conditions, be active and under the pressure of this ruthless virus, prove resilience and ability to revitalize. The pandemics is a test of the values and systems in which we live, a challenge to change our perspective on life, to try new things, to test our limits and to overcome obstacles that we consider insurmountable.

As the crisis of SARS CoV2 spreads globally, we need to find ways to prevent and combat it globally, by involving the entire international community. Crisis

management is now in the hands of public authorities, specialists as - physicians, pharmacists, researchers in the field and competent international organizations. But is also important what it will happen after the virus is defeated. Reconstructing the post-pandemic world involves long-term efforts, involving the coalition of as many specialists as possible, from various fields, to identify pathways to revitalize some effectively paralyzed sectors of activity or to capitalize on the resources of other fields, which could take over until the affected sectors will recover.

Black Sea Universities Network in partnership with the Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization Center of Excellence launches the project entitled "*How will the World look like after the Pandemic?*", as a platform for launching ideas, solutions, recommendations on how to reconstruct the world after the pandemics in order to provide answers to a series of questions such as:

- What are the vulnerabilities that allowed the pandemic to occur, and how can they be corrected?
- Which are the major challenges after the pandemic?
- What areas of activity need to become a priority to ensure a better response to the challenges of the future?
- How can the Managers from various industries, including University Managers, be prepared to meet the challenges posed by future crises?
- What will the leadership of the future look like?

The **main goal** of the project "*How will the World look like after the Pandemic?*" is to mobilize and bring together the international community from Academia and Research, from the political, religious and diplomatic space, to outline viable perspectives that can be put into practice, to revitalize and ensure global post-pandemic resilience.

Project objectives

- Creating a unitary vision about the need and urgency of post-pandemic reconstruction on multiple plans / areas;
- Creating an online platform in which the academic and scientific community can be gathered under the generous slogan "*University beyond the walls*", to contribute to the sustainable development of society;
- Identifying working tools accessible to the general public, and capitalizing them at national and international level.