Sustainable Development Goals – SDG

SDG 1. NO POVERTY

SDG[1]	DESCRIPTION[2]	OUC ACTIONS/ACTIVITIES
	SDG 1 consists of 7 targets and 13 indicators to measure progress in eradicating poverty in all its forms and contexts. SDG 1 aims: - to eradicate extreme poverty, currently measured as people living on less than $1.25 a day, by 2030 (1.1). - the other targets aim to reduce by at least half the number of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions, according to national definitions (1.2); - implement social protection systems (1.3); - ensure equal rights to property, basic services, technology and economic resources (1.4); - and build resilience to environmental, economic and social disasters (1.5). The means targets for achieving SDG 1 are to mobilise resources to end poverty (1.a), and to establish policy frameworks for poverty eradication at all levels (1.b). At national level, the specific targets	***Anti-Poverty University Programmes:*** Ovidius University of Constanța has admission objectives aimed at students from disadvantaged backgrounds, as defined by the legislation and the specific national context in Romania. According to the Higher Education Law No. 199/2023, as subsequently amended and supplemented, state higher education institutions allocate, each year, within the approved enrolment capacity, at least 25 state-funded places for graduates holding a Baccalaureate diploma who belong to national minorities, come from the social protection system, or have disabilities, both in undergraduate and master's degree programmes (Article 128, paragraph 8). Furthermore, students belonging to disadvantaged groups, as defined by Social Assistance Law No. 292/2011, are exempt from tuition fees and fees related to the completion of their studies (Article 128, paragraph 24). In addition, the Ministry of Education allocates annually to universities a number of guaranteed subsidised places for Roma candidates and high school graduates from rural areas. For admission to the 2024–2025 academic year, Ovidius University of Constanța's enrolment capacity included, at the level of each study programme, state-funded places allocated to graduates of high schools located in rural areas, special places for candidates from the social protection system, persons with disabilities and candidates belonging to ethnic minorities, as well as separately allocated places for Roma candidates. In the July 2025 admission session alone, Ovidius University of Constanța made available more than 5,200 places across its 80 study programmes at undergraduate level and more than 3,000 places across its 63 master's degree programmes. https://admitere.univ-ovidius.ro/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Cifre-scolarizare-Licenta-2024.pdf https://admitere.univ-ovidius.ro/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Cifre-scolarizare-Master-2024-completat-REV-FT-2024-07-11.pdf

	under Agenda 2030 are: - eradicate extreme poverty for all citizens; - reducing by at least half the number of citizens living in relative poverty; - strengthening the national system of unitary emergency response, rehabilitation and compensation for losses in the event of natural disasters, industrial accidents or extreme weather events.	***Social Scholarships for Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds and Groups*** During the 2024–2025 academic year, Ovidius University of Constanța awards social scholarships amounting to RON 925 per month to students from disadvantaged backgrounds and groups. These scholarships are fully funded through non-reimbursable external funds under the project "Interventions for Tertiary Education – Systemic Measures to Prevent and Reduce University Dropout" (SMIS code 322473), in which the university is an active partner. https://www.univ-ovidius.ro/studenti/burse-studenti/ ***Supporting Pupils from High-Risk Socio-Economic Backgrounds or Socially Marginalised Communities*** The support measures include the following: Access to Free Healthcare: The university provides free medical services to all its students through the University Medical Office, located in Student Dormitory C2, at 11 Unirii Street. https://www.univ-ovidius.ro/studenti/servicii/cabinet-medical Affordable Meals: The Ovidius University of Constanța canteen provides students with low-cost meals, making affordable food accessible to all students. https://www.univ-ovidius.ro/studenti/cantina/program Affordable/Free Accommodation: For the 2024–2025 academic year, Ovidius University of Constanța provided students with accommodation in its own student dormitories. In autumn 2025, a new student dormitory, offering 167 accommodation places, was officially completed and handed over. The allocation of accommodation places is based on the principle of previous academic performance. However, a proportion of the available places is allocated on social or medical grounds, with priority given to students from disadvantaged backgrounds. https://www.univ-ovidius.ro/studenti/info-camine-cazare/ https://www.univ-ovidius.ro/images/2025-2026/cazare/Reducere%20taxe%20camin.pdf https://www.info-sud-est.ro/noul-camin-studentesc-din-constanta-gata-in-proportie-de-85-lucrarile-ar-trebui-finalizate-in-mai-putin-de-doua-saptamani/ Students are informed about the facilities and support services provided by the university. To this end, a Student Guide has been developed with the support of the Ovidius University of Constanța Students' League. The guide includes information on accommodation, the university canteen, transportation, scholarships, library services, student mobility, counselling, and career guidance. The guide is updated every academic year. https://www.univ-ovidius.ro/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Ghidului-Studentului-2026-2027-

		2_c.pdf Ovidius University of Constanța develops and implements projects and initiatives aimed at providing financial support to the local community and promoting the establishment of financially and socially sustainable businesses. ***22nd Edition of the International Conference "Present Issues of Global Economy" (PIGE 2025)*** 19–21 June 2025 As part of the event, national and international researchers presented their papers in sessions dedicated to international business, regional development, integration and globalisation, economic and social studies, marketing and management, and finance and accounting. The event was organised by the Faculty of Economic Sciences. https://stec.univ-ovidius.ro/the-international-conference-present-issues-of-global-economy-22nd-edition-june-19th-21st-2025/ ***INNOVibe 2025 – Innovation and Digital Transformation Festival*** 4–30 September 2025 Ovidius University of Constanța, through its innovation structures – CITYINNOHUB (the European Digital Innovation Hub for the South-East region), the Technology Transfer Centre and the Ovidius Innovation Centre – launched Constanța INNOVibe 2025, the Innovation and Digital Transformation Festival. The event is dedicated to innovation, education and European cooperation. The initiative, based on cooperation and community engagement, was also joined by the Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Shipping and Agriculture (CCINA), local communities CT Developers, Start UP CT and Ambasada, technology partners, and representatives of European networks. Throughout September, Constanța became a meeting point for students, entrepreneurs, technology specialists, public authorities and representatives of European networks. The shared objective of these meetings was to accelerate digital transformation and promote innovation across the region. https://www.radioconstanta.ro/2025/09/03/constanta-incepe-festivalul-inovarii-si-transformarii-digitale-innovibe-2025-la-universitatea-ovidius/ INNOVibe also represents a festival of opportunities for young people and student innovators. The programme included several events, such as CO-FOUND ME! (4 September 2025), Startup Weekend (26–28 September 2025), and the Ovidius Innovation & Entrepreneurship Summer School (8–19 September 2025). The latter was a summer school dedicated to interdisciplinary training and mentoring, providing an environment where startup ideas could find teams and the support needed to turn them into reality.

		https://www.radioconstanta.ro/2025/09/03/constanta-incepe-festivalul-inovarii-si-transformarii-digitale-innovibe-2025-la-universitatea-ovidius/ ***National Olympiad for Economics Students (ONEF) 2025 – Student Business Plan Competition 2025*** 13 October – 20 November 2025 The Faculty of Economic Sciences organised the local stage of the 2025 National Olympiad for Economics Students (ONEF), a competition designed to encourage and foster an entrepreneurial spirit among students. The competition was open to students enrolled in all undergraduate and master's degree programmes offered by the Faculty of Economic Sciences. Participants were required to develop a business plan in accordance with the structure and guidelines set out in the competition regulations. The submitted projects were publicly presented on 20 November 2025 before a Jury Committee comprising full-time academic staff members of the Faculty of Economic Sciences and consultants representing the business sector (UniCredit Bank and BRD Groupe Société Générale). The winners also received cash prizes sponsored by UniCredit Bank, as follows: - first prize: RON 400; - second prize: RON 400; - third prize: RON 300; - two honourable mentions: RON 200 each. In addition, the First Prize winners received shopping vouchers worth RON 500 from Kaufland. The students who won first and second place went on to represent our university at the national stage of the National Olympiad for Economics Students (ONEF), organised by the Association of Faculties of Economics in Romania (AFER) and hosted by the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of the West University of Timișoara, from 11 to 13 December 2025. https://stec.univ-ovidius.ro/evenimente/ **14th Edition of the International Conference "Global Economy under Crisis" (GEUC 2025)** 11–12 December 2025 The conference was organised in a hybrid format and focused on current issues and challenges facing the global economy. Each conference section was organised as a separate video session on the Webex Meetings platform, covering the following topics: - International Affairs; - Regional Development, Integration and Globalisation; - Economic and Social Studies; - Marketing and Management;

		- Finance and Accounting. The event was organised by the Faculty of Economic Sciences. https://stec.univ-ovidius.ro/the-international-conference-global-economy-under-crisis-14th-edition-december-11th-12th-2025/ **Relevant National Legislation** ***Law No. 196/2016 on the Minimum Inclusion Income*** Law No. 196/2016 regulates the Minimum Inclusion Income (MII) in Romania, a social assistance benefit designed to prevent and combat poverty and the risk of social exclusion. The law has been applicable since 1 January 2024, and the benefit amounts are automatically adjusted annually according to the average annual inflation rate. https://legislatie.just.ro/public/DetaliiDocument/183328 ***Higher Education Law No. 199/2023*** Articles 128–130 Article 130 (1) The Romanian State annually grants, by Government Decision, a number of scholarships and study placements for the education of Romanian students from abroad and international students. (2) Higher education institutions may award scholarships to the categories of students referred to in paragraph (1). The scholarship amount is established by decision of the Administrative Board. (3) Five per cent of the foreign-currency revenues collected by state higher education institutions from international students and trainees shall be transferred to the Ministry of Education, in accordance with a procedure approved by order of the Minister of Education. These amounts shall be used for the benefit of the national education system. https://legislatie.just.ro/public/DetaliiDocument/271898 ***Law No. 292/2011 on Social Assistance*** This law is the fundamental legal act governing the organisation, operation and financing of the national social assistance system in Romania. Its main objectives are to prevent and combat social marginalisation, ensure a minimum standard of living for vulnerable individuals, and improve their quality of life. https://lege5.ro/gratuit/gi4diobsha/legea-asistentei-sociale-nr-292-2011

		Government Decision No. 1,506/2024 on Establishing the National Gross Minimum Basic Salary Guaranteed for Payment for 2025 As of 1 January 2025, the national gross minimum basic salary guaranteed for payment was set at RON 4,050 per month. This Government Decision remained in force until 30 June 2025, when it was subsequently replaced/updated. As of 1 July 2026, the minimum wage was increased to RON 4,325. https://legislatie.just.ro/Public/DetaliiDocumentAfis/291450 https://legislatie.just.ro/Public/DetaliiDocumentAfis/308231 ***Order of the Minister of Education No. 4,957/2025*** This Order amends and supplements the General Criteria for Awarding Scholarships to Students Enrolled in State Higher Education Institutions in Full-Time Education, introducing significant changes regarding eligibility and funding. The main amendments introduced by this Order include: - Restrictions on scholarship funding: Scholarships are awarded exclusively to students enrolled in state-funded study places, removing the possibility for fee-paying students to receive scholarships financed from state funds. - Scholarship award period: Scholarships are paid only during periods when teaching activities take place, excluding academic holidays, a measure criticised by student associations such as ANOSR (National Alliance of Student Organisations in Romania). - Scholarship amount for dual-specialisation teaching undergraduate programmes and teaching master's programmes: The scholarship amount is equivalent to the net national minimum wage. - Social scholarships: Eligibility for social scholarships is regulated for students up to the age of 35. - Scholarship Fund: The standard cost/fund allocated for scholarships and social protection is calculated at 10% of the national net minimum wage per month, per student. - Merit Scholarships: These scholarships may be awarded starting from the second year of study and continuing until the completion of the degree programme. https://legislatie.just.ro/Public/DetaliiDocumentAfis/300557
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1 Images taken from the website: https://knowODDs.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ .
2 The descriptions were developed based on the following: https://knowODDs.jrc.ec.europa.eu/ , https://sdg-tracker.org/ ; https://www.undp.org/sustainable-development-goals, https://dezvoltaredurabila.gov.ro/.