

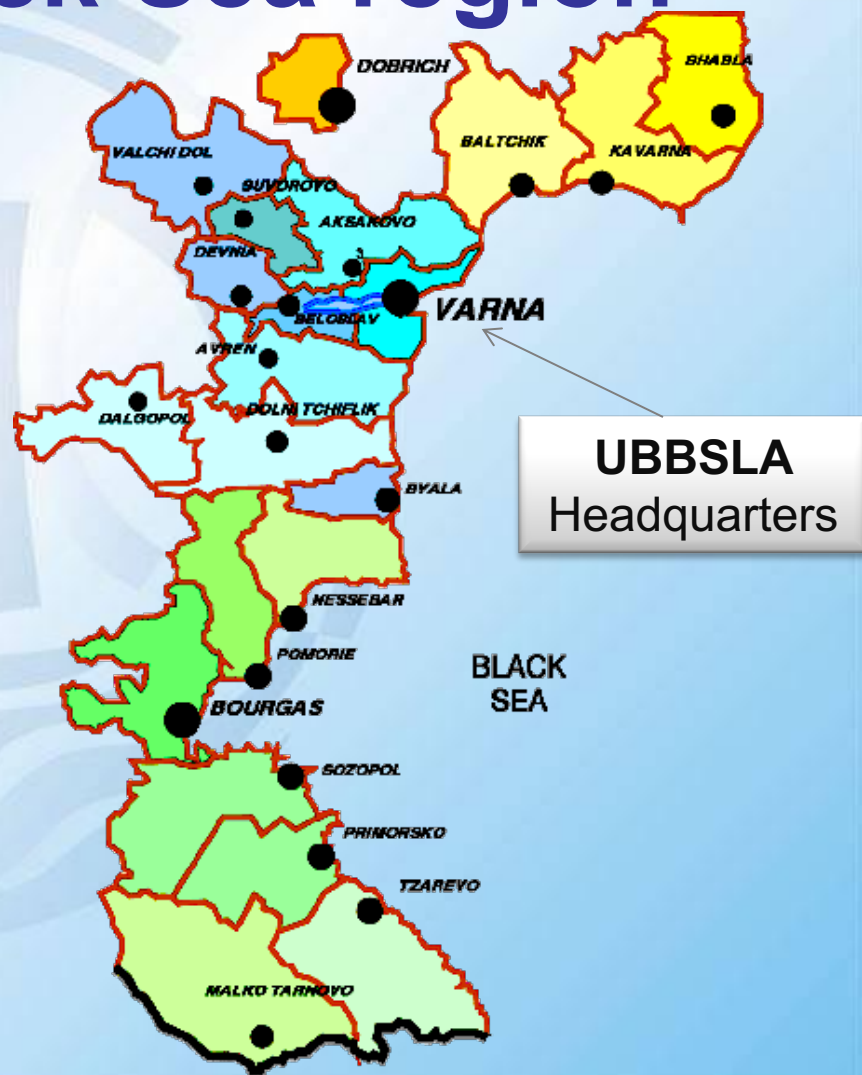


Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities

Bulgaria and Black Sea region



Located on the Balkan Peninsula
Territory over of 110.000 sq.m
The population 7.000.000 people





Bulgarian Black Sea region

❖ 378 km coast line

❖ 130 km beaches

❖ 5 islands

VARNA

Marine capital of Bulgaria!





POMORIE

Culture



BALCHIK
The Palace

Burgas

BURGAS

The Sea garden



NESEBAR

Historical old town

INTRODUCTION

Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities (UBBSLA) is an independent non-governmental, voluntary, non-profit organization established as a juridical person in 1992

UBBSLA unites 21 municipalities bordering the Bulgarian Black Sea Coast



UBBSLA mission

UBBSLA unites the interests of all member municipalities and encourage **strong and effective local self-government** and **active citizen participation** in the Black Sea Region

UBBSLA coordinates the activities of its members in the sphere of **regional development, energy efficiency, tourism, culture, mobility, environmental and sustainable development**

UBBSLA PRIORITIES FOR 2021

- ❖ Support to municipalities in proposal preparation process, establishing contacts and expertise to attract international partners, twinnings between European coastal municipalities
- ❖ Expertise and technical assistance to municipalities to develop Plans and Strategic documents
- ❖ Preparation of expert opinions on the ICZM law to provide a better legislative environment for local authorities
- ❖ Support to green procurements and local policy implementation
- ❖ Promotion of innovative technologies, digitalization and start-ups & entrepreneurships on local level

Areas of specific expertise and competence

✓ **Conferences and international events**

UBBSLA has significant experience in the organization and implementation of conferences, discussion forums, campaigns and seminars of regional, national and international level

✓ **Cross-border and interregional cooperation**

UBBSLA conducts cross-border activities oriented to the establishment of open civil society, exchange of successful social development practices, encouraging the citizen participation in the process of economic, political, social and cultural dialogue.

✓ **Technical assistance**

UBBSLA provides technical support and assistance to member municipalities for solving specific problems arising in the municipalities and dissemination of good practice they gained in local self-government

Areas of specific expertise and competence

✓ Information campaigns

UBBSLA supports all public activities of its member municipalities to spread their successful practices and generate official information for the self-government development in the Black Sea region. UBBSLA prepares, prints and distributes leaflets, brochures, guidebooks, and a monthly Newsletter to all member municipalities

✓ Project management and implementation

UBBSLA undertakes the whole project cycle – identification, development and planning, and then implementation, monitoring and evaluation as a whole mandate or as individual consultancy services

✓ Innovative practices in the field of professional training and education

UBBSLA provides trainings as direct response to the specific professional needs and problems of the municipal servants and enhances the professional initiative and opportunities for professional development, supporting the national policy for life-long education

Since 2003, UBBSLA has established **Centre for Education and Training** to improve knowledge and skills of municipal officials and councilors, NGO representatives, citizens, unemployed young and students, people with reduce mobility, etc.

Since 2009, UBBSLA is a **supporting structure** of the European initiative “**Covenant of Mayors**” to achieve common goals in energy efficiency and environmental protection.



UBBSLA established three **Energy Agencies** to support municipalities in the Black sea region



UBBSLA coordinates the activities of the **Black Sea Social Network**
(Social NGO)



UBBSLA coordinates the activities of the **Institute for Youth Initiatives and Innovations**
(Supporting Youth)



UBBSLA is a member of the **Black Sea Energy Cluster**
(connection business-NGO-local authorities)





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