GREEN BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The Green Business Support Programme (GBSP) was launched in 2008 by the UNDP in partnership with the Country Development Agencies of the four Dalmatian counties. GBSP partners are chosen through yearly public calls for proposals. The programme offers technical assistance, grants and guarantees through two activity phases: Pre-investment Green Business Facility (PIGBF) for mainly innovative project ideas that are pioneers on the Croatian market and the Green Business Facility (GBF) for mature and financially viable green projects. This fall, 79 GBSP projects were given support in areas as diverse as local organic products, agro-eco-tourism, preservation of biodiversity, eco-education and sustainable fisheries.

TUNISIAN CENTER FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Tunisian Center for Social Entrepreneurship is a social incubator that aims to boost social and environmental entrepreneurship in Tunisia, with four major areas of focus: creating sustainable social business education programs within schools and universities in Tunisia; advocating for legislation to encourage such initiatives; and strengthening exposure to international social entrepreneurship networks, funds and investors. Finally, they are assessing the development of a dozen social and environmental start-up projects in Tunisia.

IDEAS4ALL

Ideas4All is an open innovation web platform that provides a new way of sharing ideas and innovation. This platform was created in Spain in 2008 with the aim of working at a global scale, to foster innovation, exchange and transfer knowledge for and from everybody. Individuals or companies share their problems and look for solutions given by other users on an open exchange where all the information is available for everybody. Among the thousands of ideas and problems shared, Ideas4All has generated over 850 ideas to solve more than 60 problems related with environment and sustainability. The website also provides the possibility to connect people and initiatives with shared interests or complementary knowledge.

GREEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB AT IDC

IDC Herzliya is a university institution in Israel which includes schools on business, economy and sustainability, among others. The Green Entrepreneurship Club was created by students as a track of the IDC Herzliya Entrepreneurship club. The club serves to provide all IDC students a platform through which they can connect and interact with the International Green Community. It also aims to act as an incubator for green entrepreneurship, as well as unite and strengthen the green community inside the IDC university. The Green Entrepreneurship Club intends to give the students of the IDC these opportunities through an array of initiatives including lectures with today’s leaders of the Green Industry and field trips to Israeli innovative green companies.