

Policy on action in the community - sponsorship and support

Our policy in this area is based on Banco Sabadell's commitment to support the development of the wider community, an aim which is consistent with the Group's commitment to society, the environment, and the creation of value.

Sponsorship and support actions are a part of our business strategy and spring from the Bank's own identity and sense of civic duty. They reflect its character as an institution and make people aware of its culture, thus allowing people to share its vision in a different type of relationship which has its human as well as its business side.

Banco Sabadell's sponsorship activities are governed by the following principles:

- Actions should have a strong social and cultural focus. They should never be merely publicity-driven, although they may have a beneficial effect in enhancing our reputation or simply encouraging productive investment.
- The reputation and good standing of the organizations directly responsible for the actions.
- The benefits of the actions in the medium and long term.
- The places or regions where actions will be carried out, giving priority to projects in locations where the Bank has a presence. Action in the community can be classified into two types: social and cultural.

Social actions:

- *Education, training and research.* This includes all activities and projects in any educational field which aim to provide training and education or promote social progress through training.
- *Health.* Projects and programs to help improve health and the quality of life in the community.
- *Social integration and community development.* Projects aimed at underprivileged or deprived groups to help them integrate into society or encourage development in the communities where projects are carried out. Projects are selected on the basis of the number and variety of beneficiaries and the extent to which they are sustainable.
- *Voluntary work by staff members.* Community projects made possible by the efforts of Group's staff members, assisted by the Bank as a provider of facilities or resources to make the project viable.

Cultural actions:

- *Cultural heritage.* Projects related to the maintenance and restoration of architectural or historic treasures.
- *Visual, dramatic and musical arts.* This includes sponsorship programs or other assistance designed to promote and support arts with the special aim of ensuring that cultural events of the highest order are accessible to the widest audience possible.

- *Publications.* Sponsoring publications or cooperating with other organizations to promote the publication of works of social, scientific or cultural significance.