

Black Sea NGO Forum, XIIth edition

Consolidating the Black Sea NGO Community for Sustainable Development

23rd – 25th of October 2019

Istanbul, Turkey

- Draft Agenda -

DAY I: 23rd of October

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 11:00 Plenary Session: CSOs Deliver Sustainable Results – Stories from the Black Sea Region

Objectives:

- ✓ Raising awareness on the work of CSOs in the region and their added value for building resilience and sustainable results at community and society levels;
- ✓ Inspiring and motivating participants for the next sessions.

Moderator: Ms. Mona Prisacariu, Board member, The Romanian NGDO Platform - FOND / International Program Coordinator, New Horizons Foundation

AO AVE Copiii (Moldova) - ISS Moldova
GURT Resource Center Ukraine
Association for the Practice of Transformation Romania

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 Plenary Session: Building Resilience Among Civil Society Organisations in the Black Sea Region

Objectives:

- ✓ Introducing the Resilience + Framework, designed by Partners Global, an instrument which helps civil society organisations (CSOs) assess their resilience, taking into consideration both external threats and internal vulnerabilities.

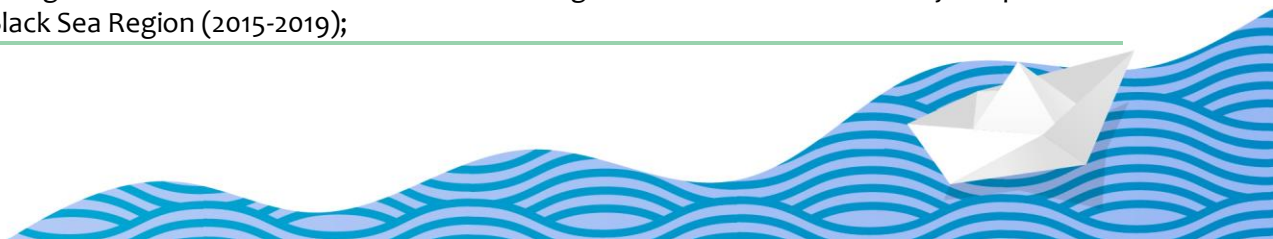
Facilitator: Ms. Olivia Baciu, Senior Adviser & Technical Lead, Partners Global

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 15:45 Interactive Session: Refining the Strategic Framework for Civil Society Cooperation in the Black Sea Region

Objectives:

- ✓ Presenting the new Black Sea NGO Forum project;
- ✓ Highlighting the results of the evaluation of the Strategic Framework for Civil Society Cooperation in the Black Sea Region (2015-2019);



- ✓ Refining the thematic cooperation areas;
- ✓ Endorsing the new version of the Strategic Framework.

Facilitators:

Ms. Svitlana Kuts, Independent NGO Consultant

Mr. Ken Phillips, Consultant and Partner, Organization Futures

15:45 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30 Interactive Session: Consolidating the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups

Objectives:

- ✓ Revising the objectives and refreshing the membership of the working groups, according to the new cooperation areas;
- ✓ Gathering input for the instruments to be implemented in the 2nd year of the Black Sea NGO Forum project: leadership & organizational development programme, sub-granting mechanism, training for thematic regional networks.

Facilitators:

Ms. Svitlana Kuts, Independent NGO Consultant

Mr. Ken Phillips, Consultant and Partner, Organization Futures

19:00 Cultural Evening: Celebrating a Common Identity of the Black Sea Region (Cocktail)

DAY II : 24th of October

9:00 - 10:00 Reporting from the previous day

10:00 - 11:30 Plenary Session: Advancing the Black Sea Synergy

Objectives:

- ✓ Reaffirming political support for regional cooperation at the Black Sea and presenting the progress made in advancing the Black Sea Synergy European Policy;
- ✓ Placing the Black Sea Synergy European Policy within the wider context of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, Director, Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University, Istanbul

Special Guest Speaker: Mr. Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission - TBC

Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)
European External Action Service (EEAS)
The Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 - 13:30 Plenary Session: How to Strengthen Black Sea Cooperation? A Multi-Stakeholder Approach

Objectives:

- ✓ Presentation of the Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda and of the Common Maritime Agenda;
- ✓ Identifying potential contributions from civil society for the implementation of the two agendas.

Moderator: *Ms. Natalia Budescu, Director, The Association for Cross-Border Cooperation “Lower Danube Euroregion”*

Short interventions

DG MARE, European Commission – TBC
Institute of Marine Sciences, Middle East Technical University (METU)
World Wide Fund for Nature Romania

Facilitated discussion with CSO representatives

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 16:30 Parallel Workshops

Objectives:

- ✓ Engaging participating CSOs in proposing and delivering thematic workshops, according to their needs and what they see as top thematic priorities;
- ✓ Introduce new themes into discussion with potential for regional cooperation.

Good Governance for NGO Networks and NGOs: Standards and Challenges (co-organisers: ChildPact – The Regional Coalition for Child Protection & The Alliance of Active NGOs in the field of Child and Family Social Protection – APSCF, Republic of Moldova)

Surviving in the digital age: the role of media professionals and local activists (co-organisers: Common Europe Foundation Ukraine & Association “Institute for Social Prospects” Russia)

Ecosystem for Sustainable Development: 5Rs Framework (organiser: Ashoka Romania)

Building responsible innovation ecosystem in the Black Sea Region in parallel to the implementation of SDGs (co-organisers: Civil Development Agency – CiDA Georgia, Social Innovation, Entrepreneurship Center SiNC Georgia & The Baku Academy of International Law and Human Rights Azerbaijan)

18:00 Networking dinner (at the hotel)



DAY III : 25th of October

9:00 - 11:00 CSO – Donor Dialogues (*world-café method*)

Objective:

- ✓ Fostering the dialogue between CSOs and donors active in the Black Sea Region, with a two-fold purpose: for CSOs to learn about funding opportunities available for civil society in the region and for donors to meet their potential grantees and learn about the needs on the ground.

Facilitator: *The Romanian NGDO Platform - FOND*

DG NEAR, European Commission

Managing Authority - Black Sea Basin Programme, Directorate – MA for European Territorial Cooperation Programmes, Romanian Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration

European Endowment for Democracy

Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation

National Endowment for Democracy

Stiftung Mercator

UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub – TBC

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation – TBC

Robert Bosch Stiftung – TBC

Open Society Foundations, Eurasia Program – TBC

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 Plenary Session: Regional Cooperation for Sustainable Development: CSOs as Essential Actors

Objectives:

- ✓ Raising awareness on the Agenda 2030 / Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- ✓ Put an emphasis on the essential role of CSOs for achieving sustainable development

Moderator: *Ms. Anca Ciucă, Vice-president, The Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND / President, Foundation for Democratic Changes*

CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE)

UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub – TBC

The Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS) / International Forum of National NGO Platforms (Forus)

Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN)

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break



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