

***The Black Sea NGO Forum – 10th Anniversary Edition
Advancing Regional Cooperation in the Black Sea Region***

4th-6th of December 2017, Chişinău, Republic of Moldova
Hotel Radisson Blu Leograd, 77, Mitropolit Varlaam St.

DAY I - 4th of December

8:30 – 9:00 Registration of participants

09.00 – 11.00 Plenary Session 1: “The Power of NGOs: Success stories of partnerships and sustainability”

Moderator: Mr. Ştefan Cibian, President, Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND/ Board member, The Romanian Association for International Cooperation and Development - ARCADIA

Welcome remarks: Ms. Tatiana Molcean, State Secretary for Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova

Ms. Gayane Mkrtchyan, Program Director, Eurasia Partnership Foundation Armenia

Ms. Angela Achiţei, President, “Close to You” Romania Foundation

Ms. Natia Pirashvili, Project Manager/ Anti-Corruption Practitioner, AGG, Georgia

Mr. Ion Manole, President, Promo-LEX Association, Republic of Moldova

Ms. Lisbeth Pilegaard, Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee, European Endowment for Democracy

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee/Tea Break

11.15 – 13.00 Plenary Session 2: Formal Opening of the Forum: “The importance of sustainable development as key for increasing resilience in the Black Sea region”

Moderator: Mr. Ştefan Cibian, President, Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND/ Board member, The Romanian Association for International Cooperation and Development - ARCADIA

Key note address: Mr. Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (video message)

H.E. Amb. Peter Michalko, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova

H.E. Amb. Traian Chebeleu, Deputy Secretary – General, Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)

Ms. Olivia Todorean, Director, Directorate for Analysis and Policy Planning, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Justin Kilcullen, European Representative, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE)

Q & A Session

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break/ Networking

14.00 – 15.30 Parallel Thematic Workshops - Part I

1. *The role of regional networks in monitoring implementation of Child Rights Convention and the Committee's final remarks*
2. *Fact-checking skills and counter-fake precautions for media workers and NGO practitioners: any difference?*
3. *Rise and Fall of Organizations: What can CSOs Learn from It*

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee/Tea Break

15.45 – 17.15 Parallel Thematic Workshops – Part II

1. *Black Sea Knowledge Network*
2. *Istanbul Principles for CSO Development Effectiveness*
3. *Youth Civic Engagement*

18:30 – 20:00 Welcoming Reception (“Vatra Neamului” Restaurant, address: 20b Puskin Street, Chişinău)



DAY II - 5th of December

09.00 – 11.00 Plenary Session 3: The importance of networks – How to work together as part of the Black Sea NGO Forum?

Moderator: Anemari-Helen Necşulescu, Program Director, “Ateliere Fără Frontiere” Association

Special intervention: Conclusions of the Report “The Black Sea NGO Forum – A Decade On: Evaluation, Impact and Perspectives”

Ms. Kerry Longhurst PHD, Jean Monnet Professor, Collegium Civitas, Warsaw, Poland and Visiting Professor, College of Europe, Natolin, Poland

Introduction of the facilitation process for the interactive open space session

Facilitators:

Ms. Olivia Baci, Senior Advisor and Technical Lead, Partners Global

Ms. Cristina Rigman, Secretary-General, ChildPact - The Regional Coalition for Child Protection

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee/Tea Break

11.15 – 13.00 Interactive Session – Open Space for the Thematic Working Groups part of the Strategic Framework of the forum & new initiatives – Part I

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break/ Networking

14.00 – 16.00 Interactive Session – Open Space for the Thematic Working Groups part of the Strategic Framework of the forum & new initiatives – Part II

16.00 – 16.15 Coffee/Tea Break

16:30 Side event: Visits to local NGOs from Chişinău



DAY III – 6th of December

09.00 – 11.00 Interactive World Café: Donors in the Black Sea Region

Facilitator: Ms. Romina Matei, Board member, The Romanian NGDO Platform - FOND/ Project Coordinator, Intercultural Institute Timișoara

Mr. Dumitru Deac, Deputy General-Director, RoAid – Romania's International Development Cooperation Agency

Ms. Sînziana Poiană, Civil Society Support Neighbourhood East, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission

Mr. Dinu Toderașcu, Program Officer, Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation

Mr. Timur Onica, Program Officer East, European Endowment for Democracy

Ms. Elena Veselovskaia, Project Officer, Joint Technical Secretariat, Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2014-2020

Ms. Lynn Vega, Acting Moldova Mission Director, USAID – United States Agency for International Development

Ms. Irena Krasnicka, Advisor Ambassador, International Visegrad Fund

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee/Tea Break

11.15 – 13.00 Plenary Session 4 on Development Effectiveness in partnership with CPDE

Moderator: Ms. Anca Ciucă, Board member, The Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND / President, Foundation for Democratic Changes

Mr. Justin Kilcullen, European Representative, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE)

Ms. Zuzana Sladkova, Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development (CONCORD)

Ms. Antonia Fonari, Non-EU Sub-regional Representative, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) / Director, Platform for Active Citizenship and Human Rights Partnership (CAP)

Ms. Biljana Spasovska, Policy and Advocacy Officer, Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN)

Q & A Session

13.00 - 13.30 Final Remarks & Closing Session

13.30 – 14:30 Lunch Break/ Networking