DAY I: 12th of November

8:30 – 9:00  Registration of participants

9:00 – 11:00  Putting CSOs in the Spotlight – Stories of Society Resilience (plenary session)

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

**Speakers:**

Ms. Haykuhi Harutyunyan, President, Protection of Rights without Borders, Armenia
Mr. Mihail Sirkeli, Director, Piligrim-Demo, Republic of Moldova
Ms. Cristina Rigman, Secretary-General, ChildPact - The Regional Coalition for Child Protection
Ms. Ilyana Nikolova, Executive Director, Workshop for Civic Initiatives Foundation, Bulgaria
Mr. Volodymyr Sheyhus, Executive Director, ISAR Ednannia, Ukraine

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee/ Tea Break


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

**Video message: Mr. Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations**

**Keynote speech: H.E. Amb. Luminița Odobescu, Permanent Representative of Romania to the European Union**

**Speakers:**

H.E. Amb. Michael B. Christides, Secretary-General, Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)
Ms. Audrone Perkauskiene, Head of Division Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service (EEAS)
Mr. Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, PHD, Director, Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University Istanbul

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch Break / Networking
14.00 – 15.45 Civil Society – A key component of the Black Sea Synergy (interactive session)

**Facilitator: Ms. Svitlana Kuts, Independent NGO Consultant**

**Speaker:**

**Ms. Diana Tase,** Black Sea Synergy and Eastern Partnership Policy Officer, Division for Eastern Partnership, regional cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service (EEAS)

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

16:00 – 17:30 Parallel Workshops

**WS1.** Keeping the momentum – from protest rallies to civic engagement

**WS2.** Role of networks in advocating for better social inclusiveness through respect of human rights, particularly on right to education

**WS3.** Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship for Creating Social and Economic Value

**WS4.** The Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea – How can civil society be engaged?

19:00 – 21:00 Welcoming Cocktail hosted by the Permanent Representation of Romania to the European Union (Address: Avenue de Cortenbergh 107, Brussels)

Transfer will be provided to and from the Representation. The meeting point will be in the hotel lobby at 18:00.
DAY II: 13th of November

9:00 – 11:00  How to make CSOs more resilient? Part I  (interactive session with the working groups)

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

11:00 – 11:15  Coffee/ Tea Break

11:15 – 13:00  How to make CSOs more resilient? Part II  (interactive session with the working groups)

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

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch Break / Networking

14:00 – 16:00  Improving Civil Society Environment: Sharing Expertise & Building Solidarity (interactive plenary)

**Facilitator:** **Ms. Biljana Spasovska**, Policy & Advocacy Officer, Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN)

**Speakers:**
- **Ms. Zuzana Sladkova**, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, CONCORD
- **Ms. Giada Negri**, Campaign Officer, European Civic Forum
- **Ms. Carlotta Besozzi**, Coordinator, Civil Society Europe
- **Ms. Sînziana Poiană**, Acting Team Leader, DG NEAR Civil Society Support, European Commission

16:00 – 16:15  Coffee/ Tea Break

16:15 – 17:00  Conclusions Day II - Reporting from the Interactive Sessions

18:00 – 19:00  **Side Event:** Counteracting Emotional Burnout: Self and Structural Support of Civil Activists

**Speaker:** **Ms. Volha Karach**, Director, International Centre for Civil Initiatives "Our House" (Belarus)
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DAY III: 14th of November

9:00 – 11:00  Regional Café: Meet Your Donors (interactive session)

Facilitator: Ms. Romina Matei, Board member, The Romanian NGDO Platform - FOND / Project Manager, The Intercultural Institute of Timisoara

Speakers:
- Ms. Sînziana Poiană, Acting Team Leader, DG NEAR Civil Society Support, European Commission
- Ms. Marija Sosic, Program Officer, European Endowment for Democracy
- Ms. Maria Florea, Program Coordinator, Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation
- Ms. Dana Onofrei, Counsellor, Managing Authority - Black Sea Basin Programme, Directorate - MA European Territorial Cooperation Programmes, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration
- Mr. Marc Ellingstad, Liaison to the EU, USAID

11:00 – 11:15  Coffee/ Tea Break

11:15 – 13:00  Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in the Black Sea Region (plenary session)

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

Speakers:
- Ms. Heghine Manasyan, CEO, Caucasus Research Resource Center-Armenia
- Mr. Eden Mamut, Secretary-General, Black Sea Universities Network
- Mr. Giorgi Kldiashvili, Executive Director, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)

13:00 – 13:30  Final Remarks & Closing Session

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

13:30 – 14:30  Lunch Break/ Networking