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The **Black Sea NGO Forum** is a regional event, initiated back in 2008 within the framework of the Black Sea Synergy, by the Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND, with the support of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Representation of the European Commission and the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation.

### Its main goals are:

- 1** Increase the level of dialogue and cooperation among civil society organisations (CSOs) and other stakeholders in the wider Black Sea Region
- 2** Strengthen CSOs' capacity to influence regional and national policies
- 3** Increase the number and quality of regional partnerships, projects, networks on thematic and cross-cutting priority issues

### Starting initially as a networking event,

the Forum managed to gather **more than 1.100 CSO representatives** from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine, as well as from the European Union, gradually developing into a **long term strategic program**, with annual events and in between follow-up activities based on participants' needs.

**>1100**  
CSO representatives  
from different countries

In **2019**

### a new phase of the Black Sea NGO Forum project has started.

The new Black Sea NGO Forum project "**Building CSO Capacity for Regional Cooperation within the Black Sea Region**" is implemented by FOND and funded by the European Union for the period 2019–2021.

The project seeks to **increase stability and prosperity in the Black Sea Region by strengthening regional cooperation among civil society organisations** in the region in the context of sustainable development and societal resilience.

### The project aims at:

Improving the capacity of the Black Sea NGO Forum as a support mechanism

Providing capacity building opportunities for CSOs from the Black Sea Region

Providing support for joint partnerships, initiatives, projects and regional networks among CSOs in the Region

Increasing the visibility of the Region at both European and international levels

### Planned opportunities and activities:

- 1** Implementing a **Mobility Fund for Experts** in the Black Sea Region, that will foster exchange of best practices and ideas, with the aim of creating joint partnerships and regional networks;
- 2** Organising a **leadership & organizational development programme** for CSOs in the region, with a focus on resilience;
- 3** Organising a **training & mentoring programme** for developing regional CSO networks in the Black Sea Region;
- 4** Implementing a **sub-granting scheme** for building the capacity of the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups;
- 5** Organising **events in Brussels for sharing results and lessons learned**, as well as, increasing the visibility of CSOs from the Black Sea Region.

More information about the project can be found at:

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# BLACK SEA NGO FORUM: BUILDING CSO CAPACITY FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN THE BLACK SEA REGION



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