

# BLACK SEA NGO FORUM SUB-GRANTING SCHEME

## CONTEXT

Over the years, through the Black Sea NGO Forum, FOND has initiated activities to support civil society in the region and has built together with Forum participants, donors and many more as a strong structure of the civil society. The latest activity of this kind is the **Sub-granting Scheme** launched in 2020.

The overall objective of the sub-granting scheme is **to support civil society organisations, part of the Black Sea NGO Forum, to initiate or to consolidate regional thematic networks in the cooperation areas identified in the 2019 Strategic Framework for Civil Society Cooperation in the Black Sea Region.**

## ABOUT

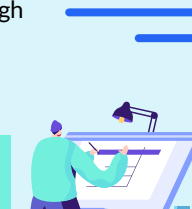
Through the Sub-granting Scheme, the Black Sea NGO Forum has supported the organisations part of the Working Groups to carry out **working meetings, seminars, workshops, training activities, research studies** on thematic issues relevant for the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups/CSOs part of the Forum or small concrete projects to initiate or consolidate a regional thematic network.



**60.000  
EUR**

was the total budget of the Sub-granting Scheme, with a maximum amount awarded per grant of **10,000 EUR.**

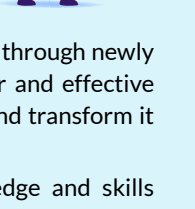
The Black Sea NGO Forum Sub-Granting Scheme activity is part of the project **"Building CSO Capacity for Regional Cooperation within the Black Sea Region"**, implemented by the Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND and funded by the European Union.



Thus, 6 projects were implemented by organizations in the region with the promise of producing the best results through the activities implemented for their beneficiaries.

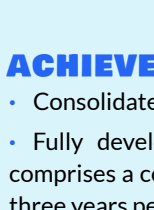
### PROJECT 1

**Development of WG "Culture & Education"  
via Creating Digital Tools/Skills  
Capacity and Strategic Plan**



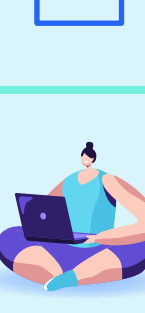
#### OBJECTIVES:

- To strengthen the WG "Culture and Education" through newly elaborated strategic action plan, setting up clear and effective structure that will ensure consolidation of WG and transform it in well-functioning coalition of CSO network;
- To equip the WG members with the knowledge and skills necessary for the development of digital tools/e-platform;
- To facilitate cooperation between WG members through networking events off-line/online and developing joint project ideas.



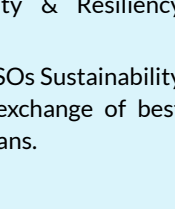
#### ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Consolidated basic core of the Working Group.
- Fully developed WG's Strategic Framework / Plan which comprises a common vision and goals focusing on the upcoming three years period.
- One updated communication action plan extremely valuable for future endeavours of the Working Group.
- One consolidated membership structure containing renewed membership format.



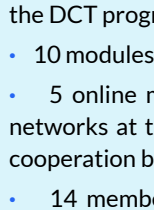
### PROJECT 2

**Networks in Times of Pandemic:  
Beyond Collaboration 2.0**



#### OBJECTIVES:

- To develop digital online collaboration competencies of 14 members of two Black Sea NGO Forum working groups, the Anti-Corruption and the CSOs Sustainability & Resiliency networks;
- To consolidate the two Anti-Corruption and CSOs Sustainability & Resiliency networks by facilitating online exchange of best practices, as well as the development of work plans.



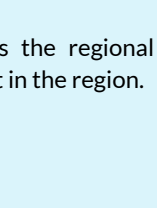
#### ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 14 members of the Anti-Corruption Network and of the CSOs Sustainability & Resilience network attended to the 6 Modules of the DCT program on Online facilitation and cooperation;
- 10 modules on Online Facilitation & Cooperation delivered;
- 5 online meetings organized for the members of the both networks at the Black Sea to facilitate the communication and cooperation between them and their members;
- 14 members of the two networks (8 members of the A-C Network and 6 members of the CSOs Sustainability & Resilience network) have an increased understanding about their adaptive practices and organizations by exchanging and learning together from their practices, challenges and adaptations to the current pandemic;
- 7 organizations members of the two networks learned together about ways to continue their activities and fulfill their missions in times of uncertainty for a greater impact at the Black Sea region.



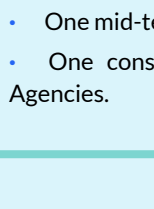
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**Local Democracy Network Development**



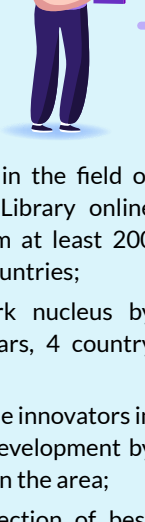
#### OBJECTIVES:

- To ensure a better citizen engagement at the local level, by increasing the resilience and sustainability of the Local Democracy Agencies Network (LDAs) working in the Black Sea Region;
- To increase the fundraising skills, institutional capacities and resilience of the Black Sea LDAs with specific focus on resilience and sustainability;
- To elaborate through a participatory process the regional mid-term strategy of LDAs' network development in the region.



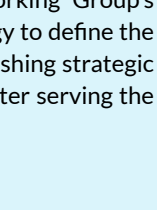
#### ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Increased institutional capacities and resilience of the Black Sea LDAs with specific focus on resilience and sustainability through the elaboration of internal policies;
- Improved communication within BS LDAs' network due to project support;
- One mid-term Strategy of the Local Democracy Agencies;
- One consolidated regional network of Local Democracy Agencies.



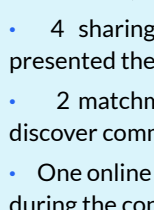
### PROJECT 4

**Occupy Library Innovators Hub**



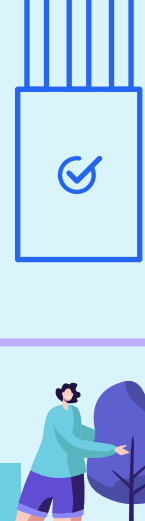
#### OBJECTIVES:

- To create a regional network of innovators in the field of education and culture by organizing Occupy Library online international conference with participation from at least 200 library and NGO professionals from at least 15 countries;
- To consolidate the Occupy Library network nucleus by organizing 12 online learning events, 6 webinars, 4 country themed sharing cafes and 2 matchmaking cafes;
- To enhance the sharing of experiences among the innovators in the field of education, culture and community development by mapping innovative organizations and initiatives in the area;
- To develop and disseminate an online collection of best practices in the Black Sea region for professionals in education and culture in the region;
- To enhance the Culture and Education Working Group's capacity by using the design thinking methodology to define the common vision and initiate the process of establishing strategic goals and the action plan of the members for better serving the CSOs in the region.



#### ACHIEVEMENTS:

- One online international conference - Occupy Library with 783 active participants;
- One extended survey and analysis of the current needs of WG members in terms of digital skills / knowledge;
- 6 webinars serving the interests identified during the needs assessment;
- 4 sharing cafes - sessions where partner organizations presented their work and results;
- 2 matchmaking cafes - sessions for NGOs and libraries to discover common interests and possible joint future projects;
- One online collection of best practices on the 5 topics covered during the conference;
- One Occupy Library Innovators Hub map;
- One list of priorities for the WG strategic development;
- One Webinar on strategic planning;
- One Strategic Action Plan and framework for the development of the WG "Education and Culture".



### PROJECT 5

**Accelerating Corporate Social Responsibility  
in the Black Sea Region**



#### OBJECTIVES:

- To increase the awareness of NGOs, companies, and academia with regard to CSR and Sustainable Development;
- To develop the capacity of the NGOs particularly focusing on CSR and SDGs;
- To create a CSR platform in the region where all the Black Sea countries are involved for information and know-how exchange about CSR through revitalizing the CSR Black Sea Platform.



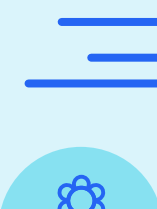
#### ACHIEVEMENTS:

- One CSR Situation Survey and Results;
- One CSR 101 Online Guidebook;
- 7 online webinars with the participation of more than one hundred people;
- One CSR Black Sea Catalogue which compresses at least 15 Best Practices from Partner Countries;
- One Revived CSR Platform/Website transformed in a resource center for CSR/SDG.



### PROJECT 6

**Digital Tools for Active Citizens**



#### OBJECTIVES:

- To improve perception for 150 CSOs and active citizens over the importance of using digital tools for active citizen participation;
- To increase the promotion of good practices of e-citizenship in the Black Sea region, for CSOs and democracy practitioners.



#### ACHIEVEMENTS:

- One research report on mapping the digital tools and practices that Civil Society Organisations (CSOs);
- One collection of digital tools to be used by CSOs included in the research study;
- Recommendations and considerations for future policies and practices included in the research study.



## ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SUB-GRANTING SCHEME



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