

## Black Sea NGO Forum, 12<sup>th</sup> edition

*Consolidating the Black Sea NGO Community for Sustainable Development*

23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2019

Le Meridien Istanbul Etiler Hotel, Turkey

- Agenda -

### DAY I: 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Ms. Mariana Ianachevici**, CEO, The Association for Child and Family Empowerment “AVE COPIII”, The Republic of Moldova

**Mr. Bogdan Maslych**, Director, GURT Resource Center, Ukraine

**Ms. Alina Porumb**, President, Association for the Practice of Transformation, Romania

**Ms. Burçak Çullu**, Country Director ICE EEIG and NETBAN / Board Member, Institute for Future Research, Turkey

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

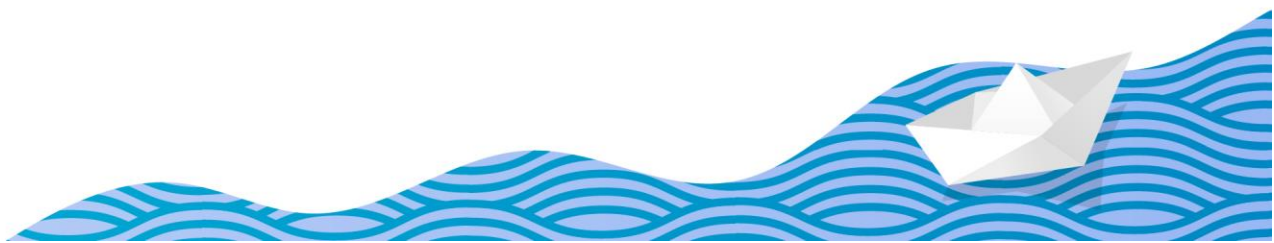
#### 11:30 - 13:00 Plenary Session: Building Resilience Among Civil Society Organisations in the Black Sea Region

##### Objectives:

- ✓ Introducing the Resiliency+ Framework developed by **PartnersGlobal** in partnership with CIVICUS, which provides key insights on how resiliency gives CSOs the capacity to anticipate, prepare and adapt swiftly and purposefully to external threats and internal vulnerabilities in such a way as to not only survive, but also thrive in response to multi-faceted changes posed by the civic space.

**Facilitator:** *Ms. Olivia Baciu*, Senior Adviser & Technical Lead, **PartnersGlobal**

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:

- ✓ 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 to be included in the new version of the Strategic Framework and endorsing them.

**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 thematic cooperation areas;
- ✓ Presenting the new Black Sea NGO Forum project;
- ✓ Gathering input for the activities to be implemented in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Black Sea NGO Forum project.

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

The cocktail will be taking place at Kadir Has University and transportation to/ from the location will be provided. We kindly ask you to be in the hotel lobby at 18:30 for the pick-up.

## DAY II : 24<sup>th</sup> of October

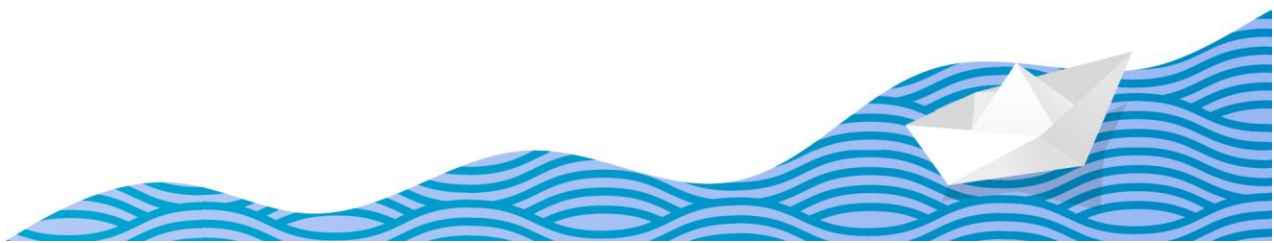
9:00 - 10:00 Reporting from the previous day

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 (video message)

**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 on behalf of **Ms. Angelina Eichhorst**, Acting Managing Director, EURCA, European External Action Service (EEAS)

**Ms. Olivia Todorean**, Director, Analysis and Policy Planning Division, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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

**11:30 - 12:00 Coffee break**

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

#### **Objectives:**

- ✓ Presenting 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*

**Mr. Svetoslav Stoyanov**, Policy Officer, A3. Sea-basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, DG MARE, European Commission

**Associate Prof. Dr. Mustafa Yucel**, Vice Director, Institute of Marine Sciences, Middle East Technical University (METU)

**Ms. Ana-Maria Seman**, Regional Policy Lead, World Wide Fund for Nature Romania

*Facilitated discussion with CSO representatives*

**13:30 - 14:30 Lunch break**

### **14:30 - 16:30 Parallel Workshops**

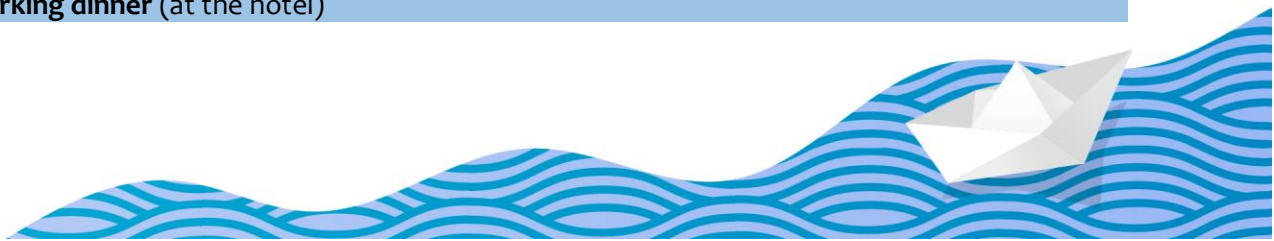
**Good Governance for NGO Networks and NGOs: Standards and Challenges** (co-organisers: ChildPact – The Regional Coalition for Child Protection & The Alliance of Active NGOs in the field of Child and Family Social Protection – APSCF)

**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 : 25<sup>th</sup> 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:** Ms. Cristina Rigman, Secretary-General, ChildPact – The Regional Coalition for Child Protection

**Mr. Victor Bojkov**, Advisor to the Director, Directorate Eastern Neighbourhood, DG NEAR

**Ms. Didem Tekeli**, Country Consultant, European Endowment for Democracy

**Ms. Maria Florea**, Program Officer, Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation

**Ms. Agnieszka Gmys-Wiktor**, Program Officer, National Endowment for Democracy

**Ms. Luisa Elsig**, Project Manager, Stiftung Mercator

**Ms. Lejla Sadiku**, Governance and Innovation Specialist, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub - TBC

### 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

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

#### Objectives:

- ✓ Raising awareness on the 2030 Agenda / Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- ✓ Highlighting 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

**Mr. Justin Kilcullen**, Co-Chair, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness – CPDE

**Ms. Inese Vaivare**, Director, The Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS) / Council Member, International Forum of National NGO Platforms (Forus)

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

**Ms. Mona Prisacariu**, Board Member, The Romanian NGDO Platform - FOND / International Program Coordinator, New Horizons Foundation

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### 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

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