DAY I: 23rd 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 2nd 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 : 24th 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 Toderean**, 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: 25th 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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