Black Sea NGO Forum, the 13th edition
Advancing Civil Society Cooperation in the Black Sea Region in Times of Uncertainty
23rd–27th of November 2020, Online
Draft Agenda, Bucharest Time

DAY I: 23rd of November

11:00 – 11:20 Welcoming remarks


Objectives:
✔ Raising awareness on the work of civil society organizations in the Black Sea Region during the COVID-19 pandemic. The struggle between options and opportunities – looking for efficiency in times of crisis;
✔ Enabling Environment for CSO activities in the Black Sea Region in 2020. New realities, new challenges, new policies. What is next?
✔ EU response and participation in times of COVID-19.

14:00 – 17:00 Parallel Sessions. Consolidating the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups

Objectives:
✔ Highlighting the results of the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups in 2020;
✔ Creating a space for discussions for the development and consolidation of the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups: Membership and Leadership, ways of improving decision-making processes;
✔ Working together on the WG Term of References and setting the new ways for future collaboration;
✔ Developing opportunities for increasing communication among the Black Sea NGO Forum participants.

14:00 – 15:30 Civic Engagement Youth

15:30 – 17:00 Knowledge Networks for Development Anti-Corruption

(Final working papers with the results to be sent to FOND/Black Sea NGO Forum team)
DAY II: 24th of November

11:00 – 12:00 Plenary Session II: Advancing EU policies in the Black Sea Region during the COVID-19 pandemic

Objectives:
- ✔ Reaffirming political support for regional cooperation in the Black Sea Region for the EU long term budget for the period 2021 - 2027;
- ✔ Presentation of the latest developments at the EU level of policies targeting the Region: Black Sea Synergy, Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea, The European Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), European Green Deal;
- ✔ Identifying new opportunities for engagement and partnerships for regional cooperation.

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- YouthBanks
- Human Rights

15:30 – 17:00
- Culture & Education
- Sustainable Development

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DAY III: 25th of November

11:00 - 12:00 Plenary Session III: Achievements of the Black Sea NGO Forum in 2020

Objectives:

✔ Presenting the main results of the project activities: the Mobility Fund for CSO experts within the Black Sea Region; the “Leadership and Organizational Resilience in Times of Uncertainty” Training Program; the “Capacity Building Path towards the Start-Up Of Regional CSOs Networks” Training Program; the Sub-granting Scheme for activities that Support the development of CSO regional networks;

✔ Highlighting opportunities for learning and sharing: The time is now - why CSOs leaders should learn, reflect and adapt to the major disruptions (like the global pandemic) and continuous changes of the civic space in the Black Sea Region.

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Networking

Media & Communication

15:30 – 17:00

CSO Sustainability & Resilience

Environment & Climate Change

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DAY IV: 26th of November

11:00 – 12:00 Plenary Session IV: Building Partnerships in the Black Sea Region in Times of Crisis

Objectives:

✔ Strengthening the importance of the cross-thematic cooperation, for tackling regional challenges and moving forward together;
✔ Exploring the potential collaboration opportunities between civil society actors and public institutions, academia, and private sector.

Themes for reflection:

➢ CSOs and public institutions – cooperation, not competition;
➢ Academia, experts, young researchers and civil society organizations – partnerships with benefits;
➢ How to advance partnerships between CSOs and entrepreneurs?

12.00 – 12.30 Side Event. Listen to the Voice of the Region: Occupy Library – a story about cohesion between libraries and NGOs

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DAY V: 27th of November

11:00 - 12:00 Plenary Session V: Advancing Sustainable Development in the Black Sea Region in 2020

Objectives:
- ✔ Underlining the progress of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in the Black Sea Region in 2020;
- ✔ Promoting the role of the civil society cooperation for achieving sustainable development.

12:00 - 12:15 Coffee break


Objectives:
- ✔ 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;
- ✔ Creating a space for questions, answers, and feedback.

Facilitator: The Romanian NGDO Platform - FOND

13:15 - 13:30 Final Closing Remarks