

# NETWORKS

Covid-19 was not a hindering factor when carrying out our activities but a determination factor in achieving our **vision, mission, goals**.

## WHY?

Following the revision of the Strategic Framework for Civil Society Cooperation in the Black Sea Region at the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Forum in October 2019, one of the main strategic directions refers to **supporting the creation of regional thematic networks**.

This especially translated into capacity building for the working groups to acquire the necessary skills and know-how for starting up thematic regional networks.

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## GOALS

This program aimed to:



build capacity among the most active members of the Black Sea NGOs Forum working groups



support them and providing processes, methodologies and tools



lead in transforming the thematic working groups in regional independent networks



increase their ability to access funds and play a strategic role in shaping the regional ecosystem

## WHO?

The training module for the start-up of regional CSO networks in the Black Sea Region took place between June – November 2020 and gathered together 14 participants from 6 countries involved in the following Working Groups:



Anti-corruption



Civic Engagement



CSO Sustainability & Resilience



Culture & Education



Environment & Climate Change



Human Rights



Sustainable Development & CSR



Youth & Youth Bank

## THE METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH

The training was modeled around four different stages:

# BE

enthusiastic

strategic

realistic

functional

## ACHIEVEMENTS

The main achievements of the training:



**8 Strategic Plans for the next 3 years** - Documents developed for the course that will lead each participant to shape the strategic and operational approach for their networks, on a 3-years period;



**9 Governance and operational templates** - A package of templates adapted to the scope of new thematic networks that can support the trainees and their colleagues to structure the basic governance and operational structure of the tools;



**Final Toolkit** - Toolkit to guide and support the trainees and other users to capitalise on the training and on the resources provided and to structure new functional entities;



**Templates for thematic PPTs;**



**Templates for presentations/tasks/plans etc.**



More information about the program can be found at:



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