



Black Sea NGO Forum

14th edition

**Strengthening the capacity of the CSOs in the Black Sea to foster regional
cooperation and stability**

Bucharest, 13 – 15 October 2021

Online Format, EET

Draft Agenda



DAY I: 13th of October

9:30 – 10:00 Registration of participants

10:00 – 10:15 Welcoming remarks

10:15 – 11:45 Plenary Session I: Together for action: The contribution of a multi-stakeholder approach towards sustainable democratization processes and sustainable economic development in the Black Sea region

Highlights:

- ✓ *How a multi-stakeholder approach can contribute to the cohesion of common interests in the Black Sea region? How important is the role of civil society in achieving results?*
- ✓ *Sustainable democratization and sustainable economic development as sources for prosperity and stability.*
- ✓ *A civil society view on sustainable development in the Black Sea region.*

11:45 – 12:00 – Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30 Plenary Session II: Civil society as key driver of resilience and development

Highlights:

- ✓ *Heightened awareness of the shrinking civic space in the Black Sea Region in the post-pandemic period. The struggle to overcome new risks and challenges – presentation of the study report “Shrinking Civic Space post-COVID-19 pandemic in the Black Sea region”.*
- ✓ *Enabling Environment for CSO activities in the Black Sea Region in 2021. Advocacy for quality policies and opportunities.*
- ✓ *Mapping the civil society capacity to achieve the EU policies objectives in the Black Sea Region.*

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 17:00 Parallel Sessions: Consolidating the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups

Highlights:

- ✓ *Highlighting the results of the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups in 2021.*
- ✓ *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.*



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Civic Engagement
WG

Youth and Youth Bank
WGs

CSO Sustainability &
Resilience WG

Culture & Education
WG

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00
17:00

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Knowledge
Networks for
Development WG

Anti-Corruption WG

Environment &
Climate Change WG

Human Rights WG

14:30 – 17:00 **Networking space**

- ✓ Organized networking space for the BSNGOF participants.
- ✓ Short video promoting the activities of the BSNGOF participants.

19:00 **Dinner**



DAY II: 14th of October

09:30 – 11:00 **Plenary Session III: Calling for cohesion and common actions in the Black Sea Region - the power of an organized civil society**

Highlights:

- ✓ En route for sustainable development – new ideas for advancing efficient/resilient/innovative policies.
- ✓ EU policies in the Black Sea region and beyond: Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea, the European Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), European Green Deal initiatives, Digitalization.
- ✓ Climate change challenges and the Black Sea Region.

11:00 – 11:30 – Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 **Plenary Session IV: The Black Sea NGO Forum in 2021: SDGs and Development Effectiveness Principles in the spotlight**

Highlights:

- ✓ Highlighting opportunities for learning and sharing among Black Sea NGO Forum participants: CSO Development Effectiveness Principles in the Black Sea region – study report presentation.
- ✓ Advocacy initiatives for financing for development.
- ✓ Region and sub-regions – knowledge, best practices and trends in development effectiveness policies.

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 17:30 **Parallel Workshops, internal structures reunion and WG meeting:**

Highlights:

- ✓ **Workshop 1: The triple O factor in a partnership - opportunity, openness and odds**

Short description of the action: What are the odds of seeing a partnership between a library and a CSO in the area of sustainability? What opportunities can it bring? And to which extent are the potential partners open to such an endeavor? We will answer in our session these questions and many more, based on a research study conducted in the Black Sea region. At the same time, we will aim at drawing lessons and provide useful resources for anyone willing to embark in finding and working with reliable partners in potentially "unusual" areas.

- ✓ **Workshop 2: CSO Development Effectiveness Principles in the Black Sea region, with the Financial Support of CPDE-SIDA Program**



Short description of the action: The Workshop CSO Development Effectiveness Principles in the Black Sea Region is open for participants at the Black Sea NGO Forum.

14:00 – 15:00	Workshop 1: <i>The triple O factor in a partnership - opportunity, openness and odds</i>	Workshop 2: CSO Development Effectiveness Principles in the Black Sea region, with the Financial Support of CPDE-SIDA Program	Media & Communication WG
15:00 – 16:00	Sustainable Development & Corporate Social Responsibility WG	Sustainable Development WG	Local Democracy Agencies – reunion of the new WG
16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break			
16.30 – 17:30	Advisory Group and National Focal Points Network (only for the members of the AG, NFPN and Board of Directors of FOND Romania)	Volunteering Development WG	Networking WG

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19:00 Dinner



DAY III: 15th of October

09:30 - 11:00 Plenary Session V: Personal Stories: From personal experience to regional/global impact- the unwritten convention of civil society

Highlights:

- ✓ To highlight the impact of an organized civil society's call for action.
- ✓ Personal and organizational story telling: diversity and inclusion, trends, insights and experiences, fireside chat and personal stories.
- ✓ People as drivers of positive changes.

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30– 12:30 Interactive Session: CSOs Dialogue with Donors: Cooperation in the Spotlight, World Café Session

Highlights:

- ✓ Highlighting the existing opportunities for the development of the civil society sector.
- ✓ Promoting projects of interest for regional cooperation.
- ✓ Providing a practical interaction space for donors and beneficiaries of funding programs.

12:30 - 13:00 Final Closing Remarks

13:00– 14:00 Lunch & Networking