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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

Agenda



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DAY I: 13th of October

9:30 – 10:00 Registration of participants

10:00 – 10:15 Opening and Keynote Speech

Mr. Bogdan Aurescu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, Government of Romania

10:15 – 10:30 Welcoming Remarks

Mr. Michael Rupp, Principal Administrator DG NEAR - Eastern Partnership, C.1. Teamleader, European Commission

10:30 – 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.

Moderator: Mr. Ștefan Cibian, PhD, President FOND

Speakers:

H.E. Amb. Lazăr Comănescu, Secretary General, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)

Mr. Cătălin Constantin Harnagea, General Director, Romanian Agency for International Development Cooperation (RoAid)

Mr. Radoslaw Darski, Deputy Head of Division, European Commission (EEAS) - Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE Division

Mr. Adrian Lupușor, Executive Director, Expert-Grup, National Facilitator for Moldova, Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum

Q&A

11:45 – 12:00 – Coffee break



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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.

Moderator: Prof. Dimitrios Tryantaphyllou, Director, Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Member of the Black Sea NGO Forum Advisory Group

Speakers:

Mr. Marc Mazureanu, Executive Director, ASIST Moldova

Ms. Mariana Trifonova, Program Director, Economic Policy Institute, co-leader of the CSO Sustainability & Resilience WG of the BSNGOF

Mr. Vazha Salamadze, Director, Civil Society Institute Georgia

Ms. Olivia Baciu, Senior Adviser & Technical Lead, Partners Global, member of the Advisory Group, BSNGOF

Q&A

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**

Moderator: Mr.
Cosmin Bârzan

**Youth and Youth Bank
WGs**

Moderator: Ms. Tamar
Jangulashvili

**CSO Sustainability &
Resilience WG**

Moderator: Ms.
Natalia Budescu

**Culture & Education
WG**

Moderator:
Mr. Zviad Eliziani

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

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17:00

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**Knowledge
Networks for
Development WG**
Moderator: Ms.
Heghine Manasyan

Anti-Corruption WG

Moderator: Ms. Diana
Enachi

**Environment &
Climate Change WG**

Moderator: Mr. Erdem
Vardar

Human Rights WG

Moderator: Mr. Vitalii
Misiats

14:30 – 17:00 **Networking space**

- ✓ Organized networking space for the BSNGOF participants.





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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.

Moderator: Ms. Svitlana Kuts, Director, International Fundraising Consultancy Ukraine, member of the Advisory Group of the BSNCOF

Speakers:

Mr. Victor Guzun, International Negotiations Lecturer, former public servant and Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to Estonia (2010-2015)

Ms. Emma Gileva, Board Member, Black Sea NGO Network, member of the National Focal Points Network, BSNCOF

Ms. Ana Murray, Country Director, Ashoka Romania

Ms. Elena Culighin, Chair, Waste Program Manager, National Environmental Center, Republic of Moldova

Ms. Pinar Uygurer, Project Manager, Black Sea CONNECT and BRIDGE-BS

Q&A

11:00 – 11:30 – Coffee break

11:30 – 12:45 **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.



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Moderator: Ms. Ingrid Marinescu, Executive director FOND

Speakers:

Ms. Luciana Ghica, Associate Professor, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Political Science/ Director, Center for International Cooperation and Development Studies (IDC) & Mr. Bogdan Radu, Senior Lecturer, Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences

Ms. Anja Bosilkova-Antovska, Policy and Advocacy Coordonator, Balkan Civil Society Development Network

Ms. Farwa Sial, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, Eurodad

Ms Celia Cranfield, Senior Policy and Advocacy Adviser, CONCORD

Q&A

12:45 – 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. During the Forum the participants will attend the first session of the Workshop. In the following weeks, the attendees will have the opportunity to attend the other four sessions of the Workshop.

14:00 – 15:00

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

Moderator: Ms. Camelia Crişan, National School for Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest

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

Facilitators: Mr. Gerasimos Kouvaras & Ms. Marina Sarli

Media & Communication WG

Moderator:

Ms. Olga Konsevych



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**Sustainable Development &
Corporate Social Responsibility
WG**

Moderator: Ms Angela Grămadă,
FOND

**Sustainable Development
WG**

Moderator: Mr. Iulian Mareş
& Mr David Tsiskaridze

**Local Democracy Agencies
– reunion of the new WG**

Moderator: Mr. Nicolae
Hristov

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)**

Moderator: Ms. Angela Grămadă,
Project Manager BSNGO Forum,
FOND

**Volunteering Development
WG**

Moderator: Ms Adelina
Munteanu, FOND

Networking WG

Moderator: Ms Denisa
Emandi, FOND

14:00 – 17:30 **Networking space**

- ✓ Organized networking space for the BSNGOF participants.



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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.

Moderator: Ms. Cristina Rigman, Passionate Leadership&Adaptability Strategist, Speaker, Trainer & Coach

Speakers:

Ms. Mariana Ianachevici, Chief Executive Officer, The Association for Child and Family Empowerment „AVE Copiii”

Ms. Hanna Liubakova, Journalist, Non-resident fellow, Atlantic Council, Belarus

Mr. Nicolae Dandiș, Mayor of Cahul municipality, Republic of Moldova

Ms. Marta Meloni, Project Manager, Africa e Mediterraneo and partner of the EU program Snapshots from the Borders

Q&A

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.

Donor organizations:

Maria Florea, Program Officer, Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, German Marshall Fund

Alexandra Kirby, Senior Program Manager, European Endowment for Democracy

12:30 - 13:00 Final Closing Remarks

Mr. Ștefan Cibian, PhD, President FOND