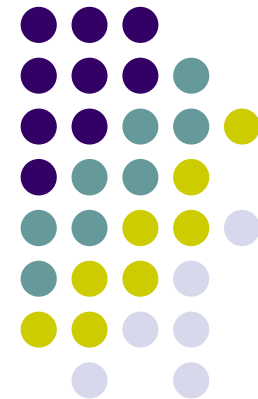
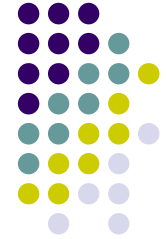


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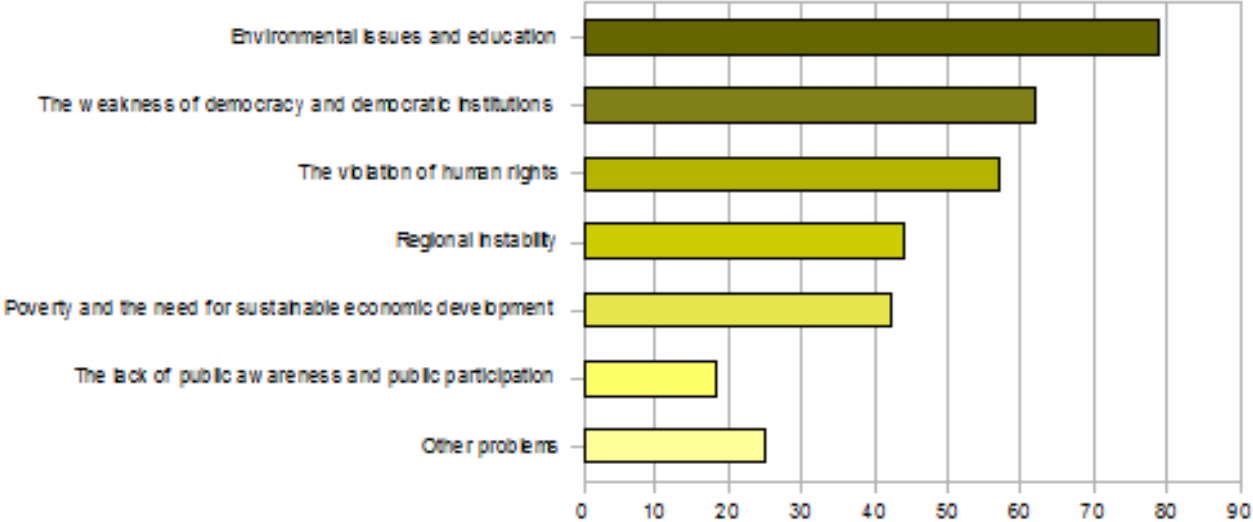
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“We are many but, in most cases, we act separately”.

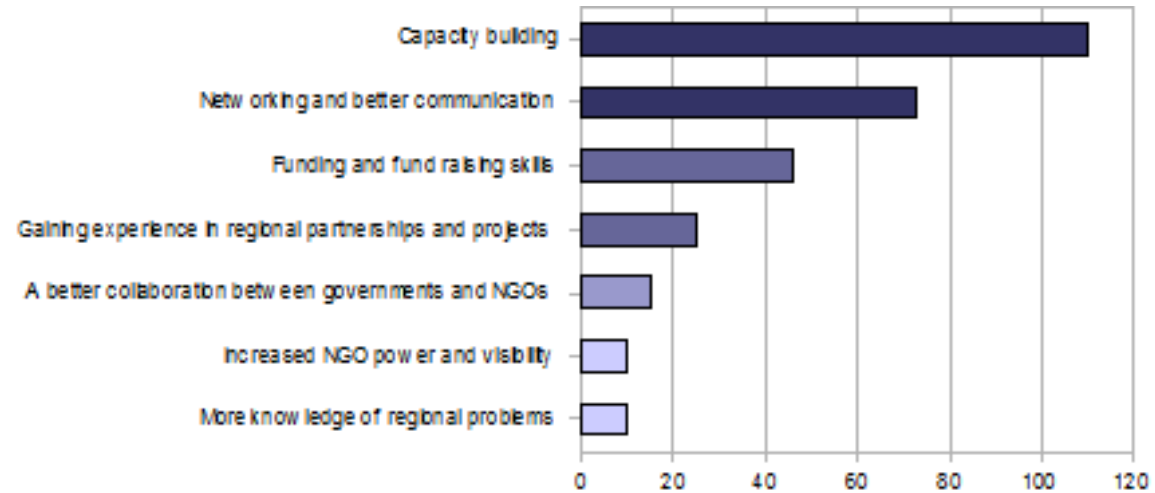
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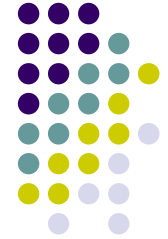




- *“There is a weak networking among NGOs and low mobility of experts and specialists. This weakness creates difficulties in the exchange of experience and information dissemination”.*

The main needs of NGOs which can be addressed through regional cooperation with other NGOs from the Black Sea region





- *“The region may have a lot of commonalities in many respects, yet that is not reflected well in the way people identify themselves, thus it is not easy to find common solutions to common problems”.*
- *“One important problem is that the donor community focuses on financing projects on country level, which poses some limitations; it would be more efficient to implement regional projects which address similar problems”.*
- *“There is an unhealthy competition in order to show who is the best actor, rather than interest in a common success”.*

What are the 3 main needs of NGOs in your country which can be solved through regional cooperation with NGOs from the Black Sea region?

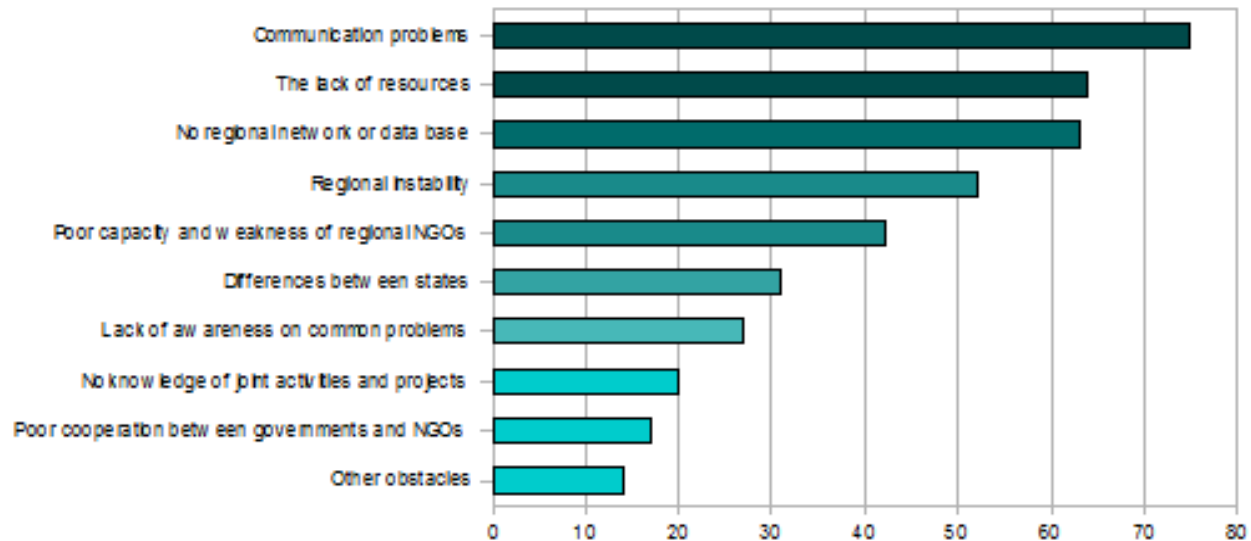


Country	First main need	Second main need	Third main need
Armenia	Capacity building	Gaining experience in regional partnerships and projects	More knowledge of regional problems
Azerbaijan	Capacity building	Networking and better communication	Funding and fund raising skills
Bulgaria	Capacity building	Networking and better communication	Funding and fund raising skills
Georgia	Capacity building	Networking and better communication	Gaining experience in regional partnerships and projects
Republic of Moldova	Capacity building	Networking and better communication	Funding and fund raising skills
Romania	Networking and better communication	Capacity building	Increased NGO power and visibility
Russian Federation	Capacity building	Funding and fund raising skills	Networking and better communication
Turkey	Gaining experience in regional partnerships and projects	Networking and better communication	-
Ukraine	Capacity building	Funding and fund raising skills	Networking and better communication



- *“NGOs of the Black Sea region lack information on the priorities, activities, and future plans of each other. Obviously, this has a negative impact on the prospects of cooperation”.*
- *“Since most of the civil society organizations do not have own websites or there is no separate database for civil society organizations of these countries, it is very difficult to get information or initiate cooperation with them”.*
- *“There is a lack of information about regional development, activities and projects, which the NGOs of the region implement”.*

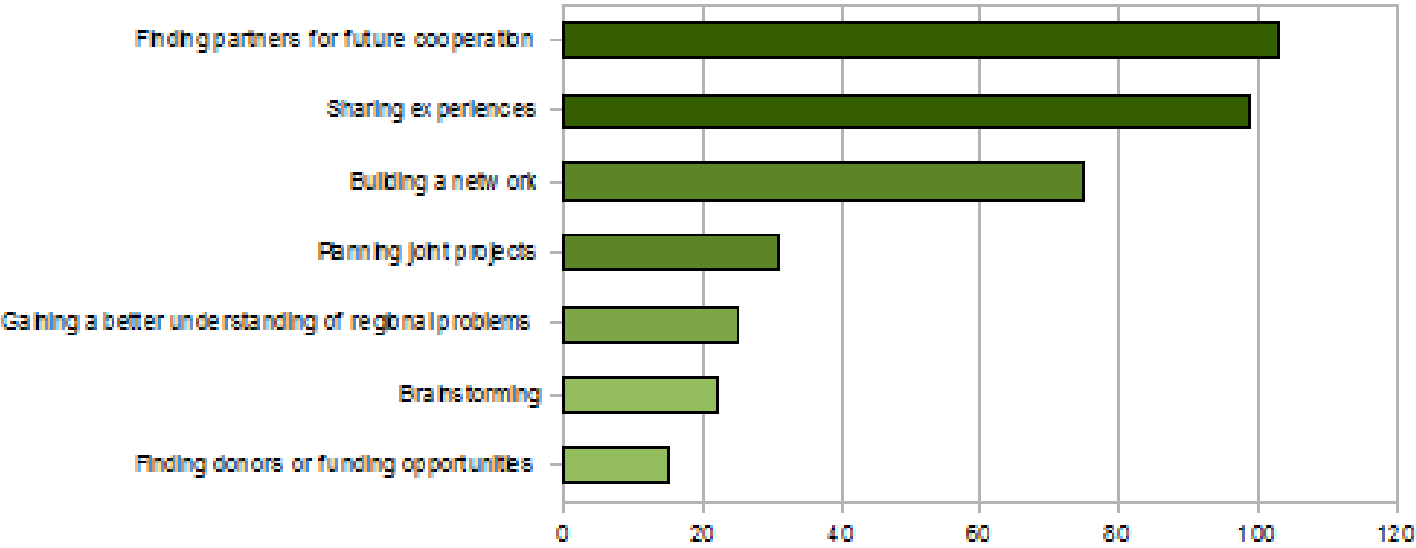
What are the main obstacles preventing cooperation among civil society organizations in the Black Sea region?





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What are the main benefits you and your organization expect from a Black Sea NGO Forum?



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