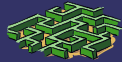


Initiatives of EU civil society support to the Black Sea region

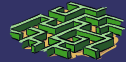
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- **WHY** – reasons for EU CSO support to CSOs in the Black Sea region
- **WHAT** – what happened in 2006-2008
- **WHAT NOW** – did we learn anything?



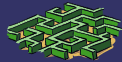
WHY?

- The Presidency Fund established in 2005
- Aim to increase the capacity of NMS NGOs to engage in policy dialogue on EU development policy



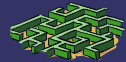
WHAT?

- . Grants to initiatives of up to €45,000 and which were implemented over 1 year period
- . Decisions based on 5 Calls for Proposal
- . Initially the grants were targeted 10 NMS that joined in 2004. The last call opened to NGOs from Romania and Bulgaria.
- . 25 initiatives were supported and the Presidency Funds were distributed across all 12 NMS
- . Emphasis on coalition building, and on engaging with European wide NGO networks
- . Contributed to building of capacity of NMS NGOs



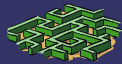
WHAT NOW - LESSONS?

- Domestic and near Eastern geographical focus
- A lack of both development knowledge and experience
- Need of expertise, finance proven quality standards and programme knowledge
- still too few platforms or individual NGOs able to engage in serious policy dialogue at national or at EU level
- much more support is needed to continue strengthening capacity of NGOs in these 12 member States
- Time to challenge the dynamics of the donor-recipient relationship
- Partnership with the South



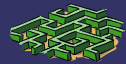
Development up to present

- ⊖ Development made up to the current situation
- ⊖ Important background information
- ⊖ Original forecasts which turned out to be wrong
- ⊖ Original forecasts which turned out to be true



Potential Alternatives

- ⊖ State the alternative strategies
- ⊖ List the pros and cons of each strategy
- ⊖ Give a forecast of costs



Recommendation

- ⊖ Recommend one or several strategies
- ⊖ Give a summary of the expected results
- ⊖ Name the next steps to be taken
- ⊖ Delegate the various tasks



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