

# THE BLACK SEA NGO FORUM

## 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY



### WHEN? WHO? WHAT?



The event was launched in **2008** and gathered more than **900 participants** from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, the Republic of Moldova, Turkey, Ukraine, Russia, Romania and other EU countries.



The Black Sea NGO Forum is organized yearly by the Romanian NGDO Platform (FOND) and financially supported by the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Commission and CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness – CPDE.



Since 2013, the Black Sea NGO Forum has developed a collaboration with CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness – CPDE, which aims to bring the regional discussions of the Forum in the broader global context of development effectiveness. Currently FOND ensures the secretariat of the European Region within CPDE and is a focal point for the CPDE non-EU sub-region (Black Sea Region & the Balkans).



### VISION:

The Black Sea represents a cooperation space rather than a barrier. In this sense, the Black Sea NGO Forum aims to create an open space for debate, mutual knowledge and understanding, communication and cooperation among civil society representatives, Governments and international organizations active in the wider Black Sea region, with a focus on sharing good practices in various domains and success stories of regional cooperation.

### GOALS:

The Black Sea NGO Forum aims to:

- ➔ **Increase** the level of dialogue and cooperation among CSOs in the wider Black Sea Region;
- ➔ **Strengthen** CSOs' capacity to influence regional and national policies;
- ➔ **Increase** the number and quality of regional partnerships, projects and networks.



### ACHIEVEMENTS:



The main achievements of the Black Sea NGO Forum:

- At least **19 regional projects** and **18 bilateral projects** were facilitated through the Forum,
- The creation of a **regional coalition for child protection** NGOs in the Wider Black Sea Area aiming at advocating on this topic at all levels of decision and implementation (today, ChildPact has 10 member coalitions from 10 different countries and represents 600 NGOs which work with 500,000 vulnerable children),
- A **youth network** in the region developed by the National Youth Council of the Republic of Moldova (CNTM),
- **Thematic studies and research** – enabling environment for CSOs in the Black Sea region.



### CATALYST IN THE REGION:

Why is the Black Sea NGO Forum a catalyst in the region:

It is an opportunity to find partners, donors and to develop common initiatives and projects

It builds trust and promotes an enabling environment for CSOs in the region

It is a driven of change at the regional level

It reflects the participants' input and expertise on specific topics.

## JOIN US!



Anyone interested in sharing experiences and good practices, building coalitions and networks in the Black Sea region is welcomed to participate and become involved in common projects.

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