

**Black Sea NGO Forum, XI<sup>th</sup> edition**  
**“Building a More Resilient Civil Society in the Black Sea Region”**  
**12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of November 2018, Brussels**

**DAY I: 12<sup>th</sup> of November**

8:30 – 9:00 Registration of participants

9:00 – 11:00 Putting CSOs in the Spotlight – Stories of Society Resilience (plenary session)

**Moderator: Ms. Natalia Budescu**, Director, The Association for Cross-border Cooperation “Lower Danube Euroregion”

**Speakers:**

**Ms. Haykuhi Harutyunyan**, President, Protection of Rights without Borders, Armenia

**Mr. Mihail Sirkeli**, Director, Pilgrim-Demo, Republic of Moldova

**Ms. Cristina Rigman**, Secretary - General, ChildPact - The Regional Coalition for Child Protection

**Ms. Ilyana Nikolova**, Executive Director, Workshop for Civic Initiatives Foundation, Bulgaria

**Mr. Volodymyr Sheyhus**, Executive Director, ISAR Ednannia, Ukraine

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee/ Tea Break

11:30 – 13:00 Formal Opening of the Forum: “The Black Sea Synergy – The Power of Regional Cooperation” (plenary session)

**Moderator: Mr. Ștefan Cibian**, PHD, President, The Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND / Board member, ARCADIA: Romanian Association for International Cooperation and Development

**Video message: Mr. Johannes Hahn**, European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations

**Keynote speech: H.E. Amb. Luminița Odobescu**, Permanent Representative of Romania to the European Union

**Speakers:**

**H.E. Amb. Michael B. Christides**, Secretary-General, Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)

**Ms. Audrone Perkauskiene**, Head of Division Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service (EEAS)

**Mr. Dimitrios Triantaphyllou**, PHD, Director, Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University Istanbul

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break / Networking

14.00 – 15.45 Civil Society – A key component of the Black Sea Synergy (interactive session)

**Facilitator:** Ms. Svitlana Kuts, Independent NGO Consultant

**Speaker:**

**Ms. Diana Tase**, Black Sea Synergy and Eastern Partnership Policy Officer, Division for Eastern Partnership, regional cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service (EEAS)

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee/ Tea Break

16:00 – 17:30 Parallel Workshops

**WS1. Keeping the momentum – from protest rallies to civic engagement**

**WS2. Role of networks in advocating for better social inclusiveness through respect of human rights, particularly on right to education**

**WS3. Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship for Creating Social and Economic Value**

**WS4. The Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea – How can civil society be engaged?**

19:00 – 21:00 Welcoming Cocktail hosted by the Permanent Representation of Romania to the European Union (Address: Avenue de Cortenbergh 107, Brussels)

Transfer will be provided to and from the Representation. The meeting point will be in the hotel lobby at 18:00.



DAY II: 13<sup>th</sup> of November

9:00 – 11:00 How to make CSOs more resilient? Part I (interactive session with the working groups)

**Facilitator:** *Ms. Cristina Rigman, Secretary-General, ChildPact - The Regional Coalition for Child Protection*

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/ Tea Break

11:15 – 13:00 How to make CSOs more resilient? Part II (interactive session with the working groups)

**Facilitator:** *Ms. Cristina Rigman, Secretary-General, ChildPact - The Regional Coalition for Child Protection*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break / Networking

14:00 – 16:00 Improving Civil Society Environment: Sharing Expertise & Building Solidarity (interactive plenary)

**Facilitator:** *Ms. Biljana Spasovska, Policy & Advocacy Officer, Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN)*

**Speakers:**

**Ms. Zuzana Sladkova**, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, CONCORD

**Ms. Giada Negri**, Campaign Officer, European Civic Forum

**Ms. Carlotta Besozzi**, Coordinator, Civil Society Europe

**Ms. Sînziana Poiană**, Acting Team Leader, DG NEAR Civil Society Support, European Commission

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee/ Tea Break

16:15 – 17:00 Conclusions Day II - Reporting from the Interactive Sessions

18:00 – 19:00 Side Event: Counteracting Emotional Burnout: Self and Structural Support of Civil Activists

**Speaker:** *Ms. Volha Karach, Director, International Centre for Civil Initiatives "Our House" (Belarus)*



DAY III: 14<sup>th</sup> of November

9:00 – 11:00 Regional Café: Meet Your Donors (interactive session)

**Facilitator:** *Ms. Romina Matei*, Board member, The Romanian NGDO Platform - FOND / Project Manager, The Intercultural Institute of Timisoara

**Speakers:**

**Ms. Sînziana Poiană**, Acting Team Leader, DG NEAR Civil Society Support, European Commission

**Ms. Marija Susic**, Program Officer, European Endowment for Democracy

**Ms. Maria Florea**, Program Coordinator, Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation

**Ms. Dana Onofrei**, Counsellor, Managing Authority - Black Sea Basin Programme, Directorate - MA European Territorial Cooperation Programmes, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration

**Mr. Marc Ellingstad**, Liaison to the EU, USAID

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee/ Tea Break

11:15 – 13:00 Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in the Black Sea Region (plenary session)

**Moderator:** *Ms. Monica Prisacariu*, Board member, The Romanian NGDO Platform - FOND / International Program Coordinator, New Horizons Foundation

**Speakers:**

**Ms. Haghine Manasyan**, CEO, Caucasus Research Resource Center-Armenia

**Mr. Eden Mamut**, Secretary-General, Black Sea Universities Network

**Mr. Giorgi Kldiashvili**, Executive Director, Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI)

13:00 – 13:30 Final Remarks & Closing Session

**Facilitator :** *Ms. Anca Ciucă*, Vice-president, The Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND / President, Foundation for Democratic Changes

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break/ Networking

