

Black Sea NGO Forum, XIIth edition

Consolidating the Black Sea NGO Community for Sustainable Development

23rd – 25th of October 2019

Istanbul, Turkey

- Draft Agenda -

DAY I : 23rd of October

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 11:00 Plenary Session: CSOs Deliver Sustainable Results – Stories from the Black Sea Region

Objectives:

- ✓ Raising awareness on the work of CSOs in the region and their added value for building resilience and sustainable results at community and society levels;
- ✓ Inspiring and motivating participants for the next sessions.

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 Plenary Session: Building Resilience Among Civil Society Organisations in the Black Sea Region

Objectives:

- ✓ Introducing the Resilience + Framework, designed by Partners Global, an instrument which helps civil society organisations (CSOs) assess their resilience, taking into consideration both external threats and internal vulnerabilities.

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 15:45 Interactive Session: Refining the Strategic Framework for Civil Society Cooperation in the Black Sea Region

Objectives:

- ✓ Presenting the new Black Sea NGO Forum project;
- ✓ Highlighting the results of the evaluation of the Strategic Framework for Civil Society Cooperation in the Black Sea Region (2015-2019);
- ✓ Refining the thematic cooperation areas;
- ✓ Endorsing the new version of the Strategic Framework.

15:45 - 16:00 Coffee break



16:00 - 17:30 Interactive Session: Consolidating the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups

Objectives:

- ✓ Revising the objectives and refreshing the membership of the working groups, according to the new cooperation areas;
- ✓ Gathering input for the instruments to be implemented in the 2nd year of the Black Sea NGO Forum project: leadership & organizational development programme, sub-granting mechanism, training for thematic regional networks.

19:00 Cultural Evening: Celebrating a Common Identity of the Black Sea Region (Cocktail)

DAY II : 24th of October

9:00 - 10:00 Reporting from the previous day

10:00 - 11:30 Plenary Session: Advancing the Black Sea Synergy

Objectives:

- ✓ Reaffirming political support for regional cooperation at the Black Sea and presenting the progress made in advancing the Black Sea Synergy European Policy;
- ✓ Placing the Black Sea Synergy European Policy within the wider context of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 - 13:30 Plenary Session: How to Strengthen Black Sea Cooperation? A Multi-Stakeholder Approach

Objectives:

- ✓ Presentation of the Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda and of the Common Maritime Agenda;
- ✓ Identifying potential contributions from civil society for the implementation of the two agendas.

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch break



14:30 - 16:30 Parallel Workshops

Objectives:

- ✓ Engaging participating CSOs in proposing and delivering thematic workshops, according to their needs and what they see as top thematic priorities;
 - ✓ Introduce new themes into discussion with potential for regional cooperation.
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18:00 Networking dinner (at the hotel)

DAY III : 25th of October

9:00 - 11:00 CSO – Donor Dialogues (*world-café method*)

Objective:

- ✓ Fostering the dialogue between CSOs and donors active in the Black Sea Region, with a two-fold purpose: for CSOs to learn about funding opportunities available for civil society in the region and for donors to meet their potential grantees and learn about the needs on the ground.
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11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 Regional Cooperation for Sustainable Development: CSOs as Essential Actors

Objectives:

- ✓ Raising awareness on the Agenda 2030 / Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
 - ✓ Put an emphasis on the essential role of CSOs for achieving sustainable development
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13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break

