

Black Sea NGO Forum, 8th edition

2nd - 3rd of November 2015
Holiday Inn, Tbilisi, Georgia

- Agenda -

DAY I - 2nd of November

8:30 – 9:00 Registration of participants

9:00 – 10:00 **Official opening:** An overview on the current regional and international contexts

Special Guest Speaker (video message):

Mr. Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations

Moderator: Ms. Natalia Budescu, President, The Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND / Executive Director, The Association for Cross-Border Cooperation “Lower Danube Euroregion”

Mr. Edward Iosiper, Director, Analysis and Policy Planning Directorate, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Gigi Gigiadze, Deputy Minister, Georgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Carlo Natale, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Georgia

H.E. Ambassador Michael B. Christides, Secretary General, Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation – BSEC

Mr. Justin Kicullen, Co-Chair, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness - CPDE

10:00 – 11:30 **Plenary session I:** Enabling environment for civil society in the Black Sea Region – A cross-cutting priority?

Presentation of the Report “Enabling Environment for Civil Society Development in the Black Sea Region”

Ms. Tanja Hafner Ademi, Executive Director, Balkan Civil Society Development Network – BCSDN

Ms. Milka Ivanovska, Junior Policy Officer, Balkan Civil Society Development Network – BCSDN

Perspectives & Reactions

Moderator: Mr. Alexandru Coica, Programme Coordinator, East-Europe Foundation

Mr. Brian Tomlinson, Executive Director AidWatch Canada / Monitoring & Evaluation Working Group, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness – CPDE

Assoc. Prof. Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, Chair, Department of International Relations / Director, Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University Istanbul

Mr. Ștefan Cibian, Board Member, The Romanian NGDO Platform - FOND / President, The Romanian Association for International Development and Cooperation (ARCADIA)

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30 Plenary session II: Bringing visibility for civil society of the Black Sea Region at the international level – An overview of recent changes in the development effectiveness agenda & opportunities

Moderator: Ms. Adela Rusu, Executive Director, The Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND

Ms. Izabella Toth, Senior Corporate Strategist, Cordaid / European Representative, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness – CPDE

Mr. Vazha Salamadze, Director, Civil Society Institute Georgia / Non-EU Sub-region Representative, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness – CPDE

Ms. Tanja Hafner Ademi, Executive Director, Balkan Civil Society Development Network – BCSDN

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:30 Parallel Thematic Workshops

CHILD PROTECTION

BLACK SEA YOUTH NETWORK COOPERATION

ISLAND OF INTEGRITY AND EFFECTIVENESS – A NEW APPROACH ON ANTI-CORRUPTION

KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS FOR DEVELOPMENT

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

Side event: Project/Networking Fair

DAY II – 3rd of November

9:00 – 11:00 Plenary session III: The role of donors in supporting civil society at the Black Sea

Moderator: Ms. Anamaria Molcuțescu, Black Sea and OSCE Policy Officer, Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE Division, European External Action Service

Mr. Edward Iosiper, Director, Analysis and Policy Planning Directorate, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Svetoslav Stoyanov, Policy Officer, Maritime Policy Mediterranean and Black Sea, Directorate-General Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Ms. Andreea Gavrilă, Public Manager, Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme, Directorate - MA European Territorial Cooperation Programmes, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration

Ms. Bianca Baumler, Outreach and Knowledge Management Officer, European Endowment for Democracy

Mr. Martins Murnieks, Program Officer, Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:00 Introductory session to the Open Space

Facilitator: Mr. Ken Phillips, International Consultant, Organization Futures

12:00 – 14:00 Parallel Thematic Working Groups I (Open space)

Organizing a facilitated consultation process on the main thematic cooperation areas for civil society, as identified by the report, based upon the following guiding points:

- Identifying key challenges in the identified thematic cooperation areas;
- Proposing concrete regional initiatives/ projects/ programmes in the identified cooperation areas that can help address the key challenges mentioned;
- Identifying ways through which the Black Sea NGO Forum can support regional cooperation in the identified thematic cooperation areas.

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 17:00 Parallel Thematic Working Groups II (Open space)

17:00 – 17:15 Coffee break

17:15 – 17:45 Plenary session IV: Proposing a strategic framework for civil society cooperation

Strategic Framework: Presenting the conclusions of the working groups and the main cross-cutting and thematic cooperation areas for civil society at the Black Sea and ways forwards.