Black Sea NGO Forum, 9th edition
31st October - 2nd of November 2016
Varna, Bulgaria

- Draft Agenda -

Arrival: 30th of October

DAY I: 31st of October

9:00 – 9:30 Registration of participants

9:30 – 11:00 Official opening session & Update on the Implementation of the Strategic Framework for Civil Society Cooperation in the Black Sea Region

Moderator: The Romanian NGDO Platform - FOND
The Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
The Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
European Commission
CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness – CPDE
The Black Sea NGO Network (BSNN)

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Enabling environment for civil society: International and regional trends

Guest speaker: UN Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

Presentation of the Follow-up Report on Enabling Environment for Civil Society in the Black Sea Region

Perspectives & Reactions
Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University Istanbul
Balkan Civil Society Development Network
Local Democracy Agency Georgia
World Vision International in Middle East and Eastern Europe Region (MEER)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30 Connecting the Forum with other regional initiatives

Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum
EU-Russia Civil Society Forum
EU Strategy for the Danube Region
Assembly of European Regions
Conference for Peripheral Maritime Regions

15:30 – 16:00  Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30  Parallel Sessions: Thematic Workshops

19:00  Welcoming reception

Celebrating the International Black Sea Action Day – Creating a Common Identify for the Region (Photo exhibition – Black Sea Arts Festival)

DAY II – 1st of November

9:00 – 11:00  Donors’ Market: What funds for civil society organisations in the region?

European Commission
Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme
Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation
European Endowment for Democracy
Open Society Foundations
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
Oak Foundation
Eurasia Partnership Foundation

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30  “Picking up from where we left” – Updates from the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups

Objectives:
• Sharing updates & experiences of working together – activities so far, results of the regional thematic meetings, progress in the implementations of the action plans, way forward etc.
• Bringing new participants on board - identifying new organisations eager to get involved in the working groups.

12:30 – 13:30  Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00  “How we can work together for a common goal?” - Training session for the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups (Part I)

Objective: Organise training session on how to build networks. At the end of the session, participants will learn:
• The importance & added value of a regional network;
• How do you build a regional network?
• Ways of working together – coordination, roles & responsibilities, how to elaborate a plan, monitoring & evaluation etc;
• How do you maintain the network active?
• Networking with a purpose.

15:00 – 15:30  Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00  “How we can work together for a common goal?” - Training session for the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups (Part II)

17:00 – 17:30  Way forward

DAY III – 2nd of November

9:30 – 11:00  Bringing development effectiveness at the core – Updates on the International & Regional Trends on Sustainable Development (in coordination with the European Region of CPDE - CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness)

11:00 – 11:30  Closing session

11:30 – 12:00  Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30  Networking Space for Working Groups’ Meetings & Partnership Initiatives

13:30 – 14:30  Lunch break

Departure of participants